

The Rope of HOPE
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Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Introduction:

Text: Romans 15:1-13

Big Idea: When a life is anchored in God, we can have overflowing hope, never-ending joy, and peace regardless of our circumstances.

#1-God is the _____ of hope

- Paul means to communicate that God is the exclusive producer & supplier of hope
- The hope of God resides in the very _____ of God
 - *Romans 5:15*
 - *Romans 15:33 & 16:20*
- If you are lacking hope, seek God he is the source of HOPE.

#2-The God of hope intends for joy and peace to grow in us by _____ His promises.

- Romans 15:13 is a prayer for each of us.
- The Bible is not mentioned specifically...but believing what?
 - All those passages of Scripture
 - All the promises of God
 - "How do I get this kind of faith that helps me abound in hope even in the midst of trials?" Part of the answer is to know your God and His ways through His Word.

#3-The _____ for an energized hope comes through the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer

- Notice all three members of trinity present in Romans 15:13
- The power of the Holy Spirit
 - Same power that created the universe and everything in it.

#4-What is so important about Christian hope?

Truth into Action:

- **Hold onto God's past promises!**
- **Grip his present provisions!**
- **Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus' future plan and that future fruit that every believer will taste!**

Connect Card:

- **Where is hope?**



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Table Talk

Warm Up: Why is Christian hope not like flipping a coin and more like the law of gravity?

What would hoping in God look like in your life right now?

What would change about the way you think and act if you were to consistently hope in God in your life-situation? (Note: We're not hoping in God to give us what we want. We're hoping in God to be enough even if we don't get what we want!)

James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3-5 tell us that trials have the potential to make us grow. In what ways will you mature if you start hoping in God in your daily?

Read Galatians 5:16, 22-23. What fruit of the Spirit will you experience (that you aren't currently experiencing) if you start hoping in God rather than hoping in what you feel needs to happen in this situation for you to be happy?

What do the following Bible verses have to say about this subject of hope? Try to personalize each verse to your own situation. (For example, with Philippians 4:11-13, you could say, I can learn to be content even if (fill in the blank) happens because I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.)

Psalms 3:2-5

Psalms 42:5

Jeremiah 29:11

Romans 8:28

Philippians 3:7-8

Philippians 4:11-13

1 Timothy 6:17

John Piper often says, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." Discuss how this statement relates to our need to fight depression and experience hope in God.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Works consulted:

Romans for You, Tim Keller

Romans – Galatians, Yarbrough

Romans, Kent

Romans, RC Sproul