

Title: Unwrapped: Gift of Hope

**Scripture: Romans 15:13** 

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**Bible Version: NKJV** 

BOTTOM LINE: God has given us a hope that exceeds our most desperate situations.

Vs. 13 Part 1.

**The God of Hope-** Our God is the God of HOPE. I don't know about you, but how can that not excite you?

[Rom 15:4 NKJV] For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

## Patience and comfort come from the Scriptures.

[Rom 15:5 NKJV] Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

# Our God is a God of patience and comfort, therefore we have hope.

Not only do believers have hope, they have joy, peace and power.- Warren Wiersbe

Hope is the absolute expectation of coming good.-Jon Courson

### Vs. 13 Part 2.

**Fill you with all joy and peace-** God wants us to be filled with a true spiritual joy. He wants our hearts to be filled with peace.

Fill-To make full, to fill up. To cause to abound.

Peace- eirēnē - Security, safety, prosperity...the peace of the Messiah.

As God fills us with the blessings of His joy and peace in believing, we are equipped to live in this common bond of unity God calls us to. - David Guzik

**In believing-** Believing in the greatest gift ever given to mankind. The gift of Jesus Christ. Having Jesus a part of your life is a game change.

[2Co 1:20 NKJV] For all the promises of God in Him [are] Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

The gift of Jesus gives us the opportunity to live a life that is on mission. As believers all of the promises of the Father are yes and amen.

# Three things the gift of Jesus does for us:

- 1. Paves the way for our sins to be forgiven.
- 2. Allows us to life our life in a way that brings glory to God.
- 3. Gives us citizenship in Heaven.

#### Vs. 13 Part 3.

**Abound in hope-** The hope is be great...abundant. The hope in us will exceed any measure of hope that we have ever experienced before.

By the power of the Holy Spirit- The hope that comes to us through the gift of Jesus is not manufactured with human hands. It comes through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We do not have to wait to have joy, peace and hope; the Spirit can give us those blessings now. -Warren Wiersbe



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- 1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?



#### DISCUSS.

- 1. Notice how Romans 15:13 says 'God of hope' and not God of wealth, health, or God of material things. How is hope different from wealth, health and material things?
- 2. Romans 15:13 also says we will be filled with peace. How does this practically work out in our lives?
- 3. Many times we may find that we are waiting on joy, peace and hope. Romans 15:13 says we can have that now. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this and how can we have joy, peace, and hope if uncertain times?

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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.



# Parents & Kids TAKEHOME

# DATE: December 3rd, 2017

Scripture: A message for Mary. Luke 1:26-55

- 1. True or False: Gabriel was an angel sent from God. (True)
- 2. What did Gabriel tell Mary? (She would have a son)
- 3. Was the baby that Mary was going to have just a normal baby? (No) Who was the baby? (Jesus, He was God's son)
- 4. Do you remember what we learned last week? (We Need A Savior) Was Mary's baby the Savior we talked about? (Yes)
- 5. Did Mary understand how it was possible for her to have a baby that was God's Son? (No; she asked, "How can this be?")
- 6. Whose power did Gabriel say would help Mary? (God's) Is anything impossible for God? (No)

**Memory Verse:** "God sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. We saw His Son and are now telling others about Him."- 1 John 4:14

