

I Believe

Romans 15:13

Last Week We Examined

Principle #1 ~ Believe The Divine Providence of God

Principle #2 ~ Do Not Let FEAR Alter What You Believe

Principle #3 ~ There Are Areas Where I Believe.... But Other Areas....Not So Much...

Principle # 4 ~ Your Relationship Doesn't Give You YOUR DESIRED RESULTS

Principle #5 ~ What We KNOW vs. What WE NEED?

Principle #6 ~ Monitor Your Company, That Affects What You Believe

*Principle #7 ~ In The Midst Of Disappointment,
We Need REASSURANCE of Who and What We Believe*

The Benefits Of Believing

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace **IN BELIEVING**,
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When you turn on the t.v and social media, the news is **depressing** and **discouraging**.

We live in times of **division**, **discord**, and **increased death** {covid, gun violence}

We are constantly being hit with the onslaught of **BAD NEWS**...

As believers we are blessed to **ALWAYS** have **THE GOOD NEWS**

Romans 1:16 (NLT)

16 For I am not ashamed of this **Good News** about Christ. It is **THE POWER** of God at work,
saving everyone **WHO BELIEVES**

We have something to keep us **encouraged**, **empowered**, **excited** and living with an **expectation** that will work out...

In other words, we will be **challenged by our circumstances** to **KEEP BELIEVING**...

When we face challenging circumstances, we don't just see **OPPOSITION** we see an **OPPORTUNITY**...

Dr. Reginald Kliminoch said, "**The edge of disaster** and **the brink of a miracle**
are the same place."

The Source

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

13 **NOW MAY THE GOD OF HOPE**....fill you with all joy and peace in believing...

Throughout the Bible God refers to Himself by different names and titles

Each name **reveals** an aspect of His **NATURE, CHARACTER AND POWER**.

Exodus 3 ~ Moses asks the question, who shall I say sent me...

Tell them **I AM...THAT I AM**... In other words...Whatever you need... I AM...

1 Peter 5:10

10 But may the **GOD OF ALL GRACE**, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

Romans 15:33

33 Now may the **GOD OF PEACE** be with you all. Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and **GOD OF ALL COMFORT**,
4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Jesus follows this same pattern

I AM the Light of the World ~ **I AM** the Bread of Life ~ **I AM** the Way, Truth and Life

The Source

Romans 15:13 ~ Now may the God of Hope.....

In times like these, people are losing HOPE... WHY?

CHECK THE SOURCE ~ God is the only lasting source of hope we have....

What is Hope?

HOPE ~ expectation, anticipation and confidence. Hope is not wishful thinking....

Instead it is a CONFIDENCE and an EXPECTATION that what God said will come to pass...

My Hope is based/built of what God has Promised...

Romans 4:18-21 (NLT)

18 Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations.

For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!”

19 And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. 20 Abraham never wavered IN BELIEVING GOD’S PROMISE. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. 21 He WAS FULLY CONVINCED that God is able to do WHATEVER HE PROMISES.

Jeremiah 29:11 from the Bible says, “I know the plans I have for you says the Lord plans to prosper you and not to harm you, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE and a future.”

Emotions take over if your Hope is LOST...

1 Thessalonians 4:13 ~ Go ahead and grieve...but not like you don’t have any hope!!!!

In Christ there are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about their situations. No situation is hopeless as long as there is THE POWER OF GOD.

The Source

Why Do We STILL Have Hope?

Biblical References

1 Timothy 6:17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to **SET THEIR HOPES** on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

Psalm 43:5 ~ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
HOPE IN GOD; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Psalm 119:114 ~ You are my hiding place and my shield; **I HOPE** in your word.

Romans 15:4 ~ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures **WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE**.

Hebrews 10:23 ~ Let us hold fast **THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE** without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Lamentations 3:24 ~ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore **I WILL HOPE IN HIM**.”

Psalm 71:14 ~ But **I WILL HOPE CONTINUALLY** and will praise you yet more and more.

1 Peter 3:15 ~ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you **A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU**, with meekness and fear;

The Supply

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

13 *Now may the God of hope **FILL YOU** with all joy and peace....*

*In the midst of adversity, God still operates in **ABUNDANCE**....
Paul doesn't pray that you will have a little bit of joy and peace
trickling into your life every now and then.*

*God's desire and design is for us to remain **FILLED**...*

First miracle in John 2... They ran out of something that was necessary....

*Command was to **FILL WITH WHAT YOU** have and **BELIEVE ME TO SUPPLY YOUR NEED**...*

*He did not redeem us to live an empty, non-enthusiastic life
He has come so that we may have life and have it more **ABUNDANTLY***

*We have developed this mentality of **lack** and **mediocrity***

*God says, My **HOUSE SHALL BE FILLED**..... We say.... **Well, where 2 or 3 or gathered He'll be in the midst...***

This does not align with the plan and principles of Scripture

The Supply

Do you Believe that this is how God operates

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NKJV)

1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2 **And all these blessings shall come upon you and OVERTAKE YOU**, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God..

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

20 Now to Him who is able to do **EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL** that we ask or think...

John 10:10 (NKJV)

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, **AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.**

Psalms 23:5 (NKJV)

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; **MY CUP RUNS OVER.**

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV)

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase;
10 So your barns will be **FILLED WITH PLENTY**, And your vats **WILL OVERFLOW WITH NEW WINE.**

Matthew 13:12 (NKJV)

12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and **HE WILL HAVE ABUNDANCE**;
but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And **pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.**

The Supply

Do you Believe that this is how God operates

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, **shaken together and running over**, will be **poured into your lap**. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

2 Beloved, I pray that **you may prosper in all things** and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Luke 5:4-6 (NKJV)

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 6 And when they had done this, they caught **a great number of fish**, and **their net was breaking**.

John 1:16 (NIV)

16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received **one blessing after another**.

How Can He Do This????

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)

19 And my God shall supply all your need **ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES** in glory by Christ Jesus.

The Substance

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

13 Now may the God of hope fill you **WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE....**

Many people would love to have God **FILL THEIR CUP...**

The question is..... **WITH WHAT????**

God's desire is to give you the things that are fruitful for your life....not fleeting from your life

Joy ~ is an **internal connection** that is not affected by **external circumstances**
It **endures** throughout the toughest of circumstances and stressful situations

Our circumstances change, but our **SOURCE** does not...

Nehemiah 8:10 ~ The **JOY OF THE LORD** is **MY STRENGTH**

Peace ~ Simply means "**To Join Together**"... Worry means "**To Pull Apart**"

Peace comes when we **REST** in the **PROMISES AND POWER OF GOD**

Many people are looking for Peace in the absence of trouble

But God gives a Peace In The Midst of It...

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JOY

Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is **FULLNESS OF JOY**;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

John 15:11 (NKJV)

11 These things I have spoken to you, that **MY JOY** may remain in you,
and that **YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL**.

Peace

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the **PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING**, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

3 You will keep in **PERFECT PEACE** all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

The Stability/Strength

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

*13 Now may the god of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
THAT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE*

God's objective is for us to keep hoping...keep believing...keep trusting

Abound ~ To remain plentiful....

He gives more than enough.... So that you can abound in HIM

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)

*58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, ALWAYS ABOUNDING
in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

Colossians 2:6-7 (NKJV)

*6 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught,
ABOUNDING IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING.*

The Sustainer

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

*13 Now may the god of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope **BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.***

*To deal with your **Present Predicament**, You need **ABLE POWER***

*Through the power of the Holy Spirit we can live **THE ABUNDANT LIFE***

John 7:38-39 (NKJV)

*38 He who **BELIEVES IN ME**, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those **BELIEVING IN HIM** would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Remember This...

The Source ~ God of All Hope

The Supply ~ Fill Us

The Substance ~ With Joy and Peace

The Strength/Stability ~ We can Abound in Hope

The Sustainer ~ By The Power Of Holy Spirit

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