"Celebrate the HOPE of Christmas"

Romans 15:4-13

The hope of Christmas flows from Love
God's promise

Romans 15:4a

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Matthew 1:21-23

- :21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- :22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

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God's promise Through His word

Romans 15:4b

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John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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The hope of Christmas is expressed in joy

United by purpose

Romans 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

Luke 2:13-14

:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, :14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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Roman 15:6

That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:20

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



Romans 15:7

Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Acceptance by God
The promise made to His
chosen people

Romans 15:8

Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

Luke 1:68-77

- :68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
- :69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
- :70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

- :71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
- :72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; :73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,
- :74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

- :75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. :76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
- :77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Acceptance by God The promise made to His chosen people The promise made to the gentiles Of mercy

Romans 15:9

And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

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Romans 15:10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

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Of mercy
Of joy
Of acceptances

Romans 15:10-11 :10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

:11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

Acceptance by God A matter of trust (Faith) Our faith

Romans 15:12

And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

Acceptance by God
A matter of trust (Faith)
Our faith
In God's gift
Kindness

Ephesians 2:7

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Acceptance by God A matter of trust (Faith) **Our faith** In God's gift **Kindness Salvation**

Ephesians 2:8-9

:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it Is the gift of God:
:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

The hope of Christmas brings about peace 1. The God of Hope

Romans 15:13a Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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- 1. The God of Hope
- 2. Fills us with Joy



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- 3. Fills us with Peace

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The hope of Christmas brings about peace

- 1. The God of Hope
- 2. Fills us with Joy
- 3. Fills us with Peace
- 4. Surrounds us with Hope through the power of the Holy Ghost

Romans 15:13

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