



Romans Chapter 15

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.
And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait
patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

(Romans 15:4)

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy states: “The authority of Scripture is a key issue for the Christian Church in this and every age. Those who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are called to show the reality of their discipleship by humbly and faithfully obeying God's written Word. To stray from Scripture in faith or conduct is disloyalty to our Master. Recognition of the total truth and trustworthiness of Holy Scripture is essential to a full grasp and adequate confession of its authority.”

Hope is something we find ourselves in great need of today. Here in the 15th

chapter of Romans, we are called to persevere. To persist until the end. We are promised that our encouragement to do so is found in scripture. Scripture which is absolutely without error and completely trustworthy. By this perseverance and encouragement we will find the hope for which we so desperately long.



READ Romans 15:1-6

Focus today on Paul's call for unity within the body of Christ.

What are some specific things he calls us to do for and with one another?

Do you see the preeminence of scripture to our worship?



READ Romans 15:7-19

Paul makes the case clear for salvation not of the Jews alone, but for the Gentiles as well.

Read vs. 13 and note again the *source* of our hope. What is promised to us along with hope?

Next, Paul writes that we have the ability to admonish one another. From where does admonition come? (2 Tim. 3:16)

Once again, the preeminence of scripture is clear along with Paul's ministry of preaching the gospel.



READ Romans 15:20-29

Paul addresses his desire to go to Rome. Why does he want to go?

Is spreading the gospel what is Paul's main concern?

Likewise, what was the concern of the Gentiles who gave to the poor in Jerusalem?

Is there a place or a people group that you are praying for or that you hope the Lord sends you to?



Take Action! Pray together for one another.

Pray for our country and our leaders.

Pray that we would be full of the joy of the Lord and following His will.

Consider again how this chapter of Romans begins:

“Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves.” Romans 15:1

How can you put that into action? What failings do you see in those around you?

Who do we serve? Who do we aim to please? You may find yourself facing some difficult situations and even some difficult people this week. If you are strong, standing strong in the Lord, may you bear with the failings of those around you with humility and grace. May your heart be a servant's heart turned toward the Lord, reflecting his grace and mercy even when it is most difficult to do so.

Now the God of peace be with you all,

Pastor Matt

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*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us **RUN** with endurance the race that is set before us -- Hebrews 12:1*



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