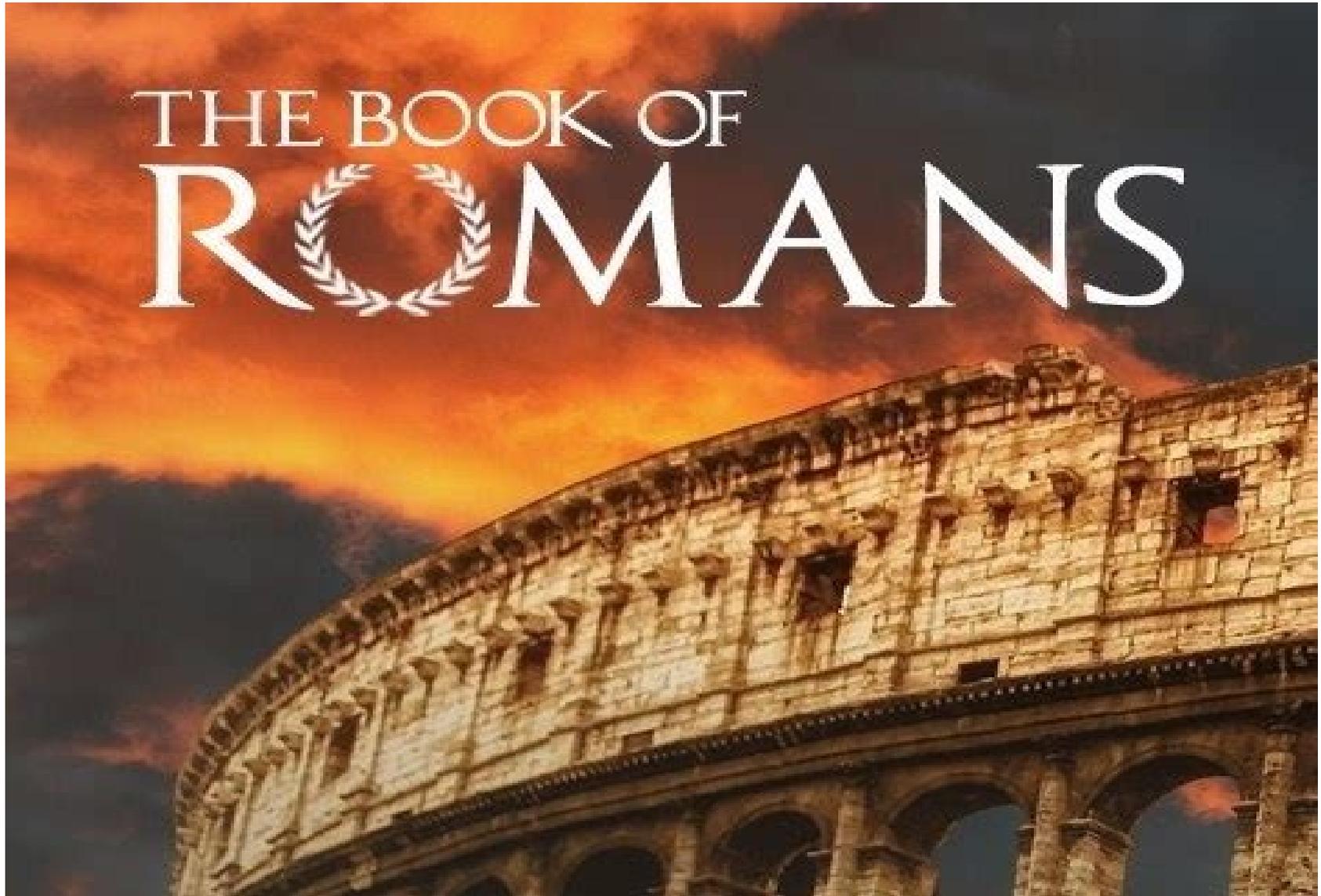


Rom 15:4-6 Perseverance and Encouragement of the Scriptures Gives Us Hope





Overview Chps. 14 and 15*

The folly of judging one another 14:1-12

The evil of offending one another 14:13-23

The importance of pleasing one another 15:1-6

The importance of accepting one another 15:7-13

Conclusion – Paul’s Ministry in Rome 15:14-33

Rom 14:2-3



each
of us
[strong/weak]

is to [continually] please

the [his]
neighbor
[brother]

for his
good
[in the
Lord]

to his
edification
[building up]

for [the reason for
pleasing our brother]

even Christ did not please Himself; **but as it is written**

The reproaches of those who reproached
You [God the Father] fell upon Me [Christ]

reproach – lit: to revile, to dishonor

Additional notes on Rom 15:2-3



I. [each of us] is to please - *aréskō*

- The pres. and imper. tenses denote intentional, deliberate, and continuous conduct*
- It is actually sustaining or behaving properly toward one with whom one is related.*

* Zodihiates

II. for his good - to his building up

- But remember that this exhortation to please our neighbor “for his benefit unto edifying,”*
- indicates a studied care for others; laying aside our own preferences, and pleasing them in every way that will in the end benefit them spiritually.

* Newell

III. for even Christ did not please Himself

- So Christ is set forth as our example in this verse
- But Paul’s teaching is primarily that Christ is our life!!
- It is no longer I but Christ

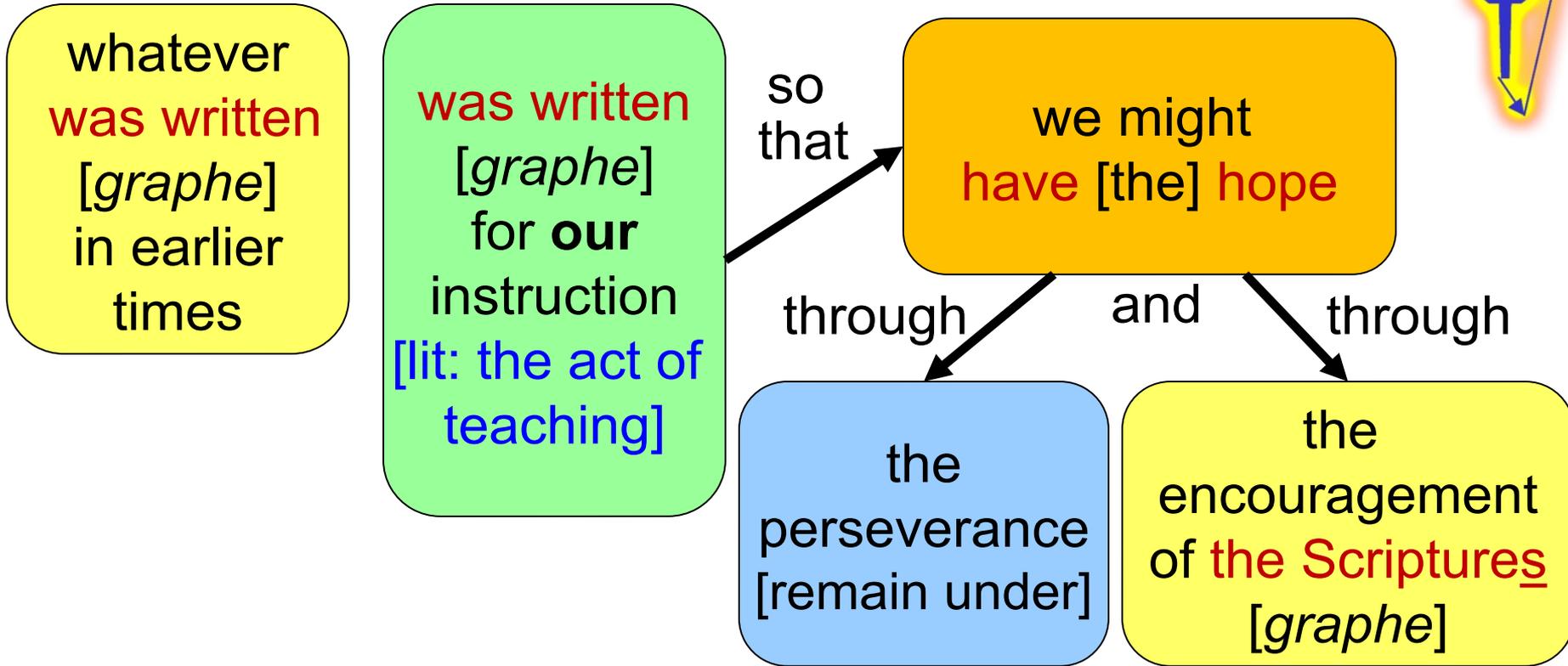
Today's Verses



- 4 **For** whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through **perseverance and the encouragement** of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- 5 Now may the God who gives **perseverance and encouragement** grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,
- 6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For

Rom 14:4



- The word **graphe** always refers to written text, never to spoken*
- The word **our** – *hemeteros* - is something that belongs to you individually and personally*
- Scripture [graphe] belongs personally to each believer *

McCalley



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For whatever was written in earlier times

for – *gar* – is a conjunction that connects verse 4 with 3
whatever [things] - *hósa* - by implication also expresses admiration - what great things! Zodhiates

was written in earlier times – *prographō* - “to write before”

- In the immediate context Paul looks back at Ps 69:9b which is quoted in verse 3 and now applied to Christ
- **verse :3b** The reproaches of those who reproached You [God the Father] fell on Me [Christ].
- But, you might also include all of the Old Testament Scriptures
- All Scripture is **for us** but some Scripture is written **to us**

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was written for **our** instruction – main verb

- note: the Scripture is written for **our**, the believers' instruction

instruction - *didaskalia* - teaching, instruction

- the NT employs two terms for teaching, *didaché* and *didaskalia* *
- *didaché* means the “substance of teaching” *
- *didaskalia* “the act of teaching”* – instruction! * Vine
- so the Scriptures are to be **our** [personal] teacher
- they are teaching us three important things which follow in this verse

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so that – with a purpose that

we [Paul/believers] **might have hope**

[the] **hope** – *elpis* – is the absolute assurance of what God has promised will happen

- Various phrases are used with the word "**hope**," in Paul's epistles and speeches: Vine
- In Rom. 15:13 God is spoken of as "**the God of hope**," i.e., He is the author, not the subject of it
- In the NT three adjectives are descriptive of "hope": "**good**," 2 Thess. 2:16; "**blessed**," Titus 2:13; "**living**," 1 Pet. 1:3.
- Titus 1:2; 3:7, "**the hope of eternal life**," i.e., the full manifestation and realization of that life which is already the believer's possession.



- Acts 23:6, "the hope and resurrection of the dead"
- Gal. 5:5, "the hope of righteousness" i.e., the believer's complete conformity to God's will, at the coming of Christ
- Col. 1:23, "the hope of the Gospel" i.e., the "hope" of the fulfillment of all the promises presented in the Gospel
- 1 Thess. 5:8, "the hope of salvation" i.e., of the rapture of believers, to take place at the opening of the *parousia* of Christ
- Eph. 1:18, "the hope of His (God's) calling" i.e., the prospect before those who respond to His call in the Gospel



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- next we are given “two ways” this **hope** is to be produced in the believer’s life

1st - **through** [the] **perseverance**

perseverance - *hypomonē* - steadfastness, endurance

- The verbal form is *hupomenō*, "to remain [abide] under," thus, to remain under trials in a God-honoring way so as to learn the lesson they are sent to teach,
- rather than attempt to get out from under them in an effort to be relieved of their pressure.* * Wuest
- Rom 5:3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about **perseverance**; ⁴ and **perseverance**, proven character; and proven character, hope; ^{5a} and hope does not disappoint.

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2nd - through the encouragement of the Scriptures

encouragement - *paraklēsis* - "a calling to one's aid"
(para, "by the side," *kaleō*, "to call"),

- The act of exhortation, encouragement, comfort.*
- Many times we think of this word as a person that comes alongside or the person of the Holy Spirit
- All of Scripture is actually a *paráklēsis*, an exhortation, admonition or encouragement for the purpose of strengthening and establishing the believer in the faith.*

* Zodhiates

- Heb 13:22 But I urge you, brethren, bear with this **word of exhortation**, for I have written to you briefly.

Now - de – Paul's desire **Rom 14:5-6**



the God
of **perseverance**
and
encouragement

give
[grant]
to you

“to think”
the same thing
among one another
according to
Christ Jesus

that
[purpose]

you may
glorify

with **one accord**
and
with **one mouth**

the God and
Father of the
Lord of our
Jesus Christ

- perseverance and encouragement come to us through the Scriptures [v:4] and describe God's character
- **to** [continually] **think** - *phroneō* - to be minded in a certain way

Final Thoughts*



Two aspects of the doctrine [of Hope] may be noted:

- I. Israel's hope is of their coming Messiah and His kingdom on the earth.
- II. Hope for the Christian is centered on the soon return of Christ.

Seven elements can be listed when discussing the Christian hope:

- a. The return of Christ
- b. The resurrection body
- c. Being presented spotless before Christ
- d. Eternal Rewards
- e. Deliverance from Satan, sin, and death
- f. Companionship with Saints
- g. Endless life with God

The believer's hope, which operates as an anchor of the soul, is that we will one day join our great High Priest within the veil.