



Romans 15:7-9 (NASB77)

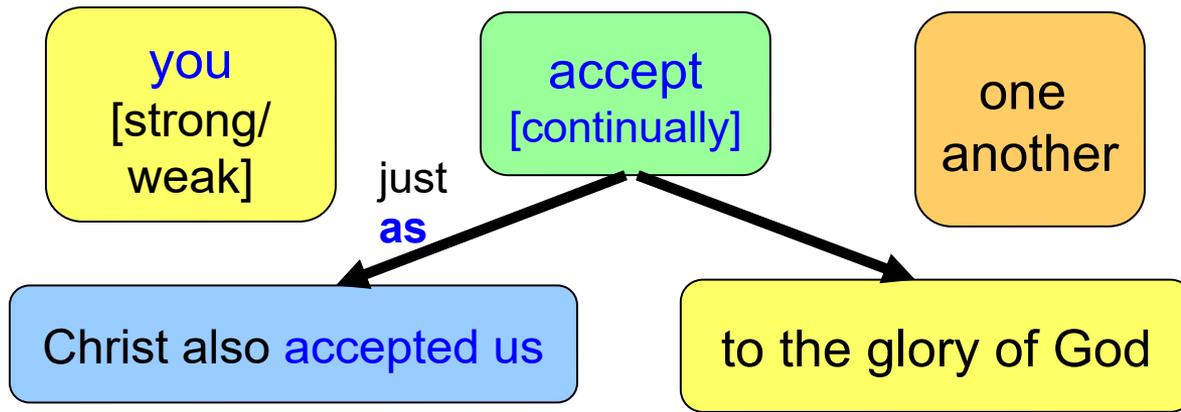
7 Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers,

9 and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, " THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO THEE AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING TO THY

therefore - *dio* – Paul’s conclusion

Rom 15:7



- Rom 14:1 Now **accept** the “one who is weak” in [the] faith, *but not for the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.
- Paul now says **accept** “one another” after giving us the teaching on the strong and the weak brother.

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Therefore – Paul now looks back to Rom14:1

- Paul will use the same verb as in Rom14:1

[you] **accept** - *proslambanō* – lit: to take to oneself

- present tense continuous action
- imperative – God’s will
- middle voice – for your own benefit
- signifying a special interest on the part of the receiver, suggesting a welcome Vine
- a warm and tender welcome Molloy

one another – strong or weak believer

- mutually receiving in fellowship Merryman

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just as – *kathós* - in a causal sense, "as," i.e., even as
or inasmuch as

- lit: in like manner

Merryman

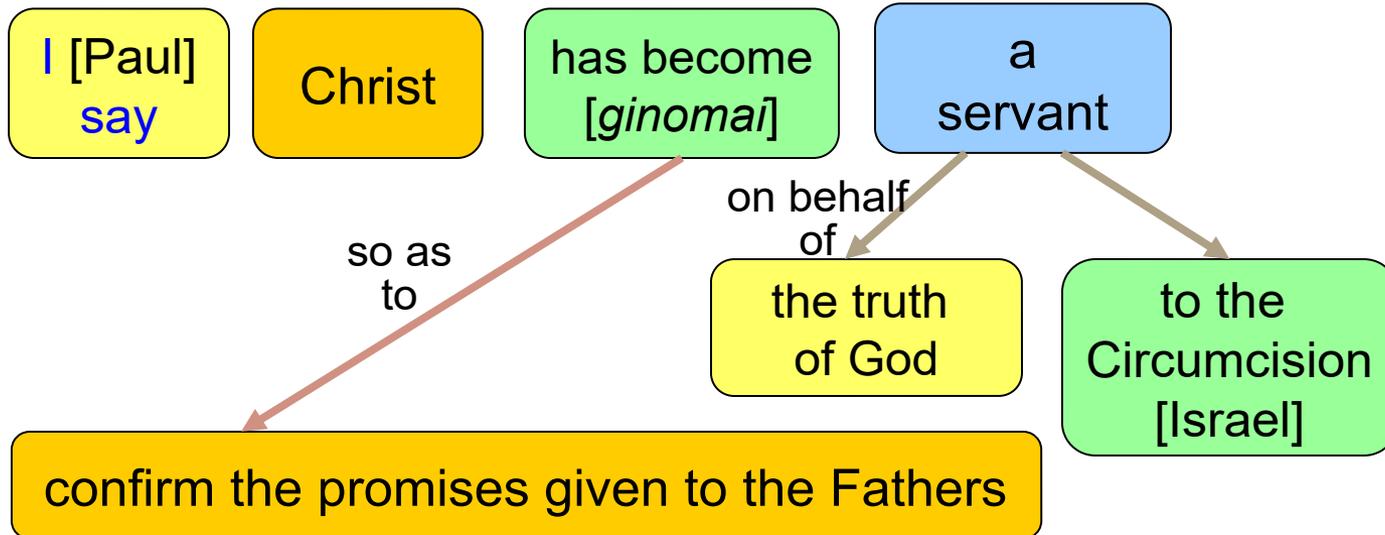
Christ also accepted us [believers]

accepted - *proslambanō* – lit: to take to oneself

- This looks to the event [aorist tense] of Christ's death on the cross
- Thayer, defining this word says:
 - God and Christ are said to have received those who, formerly were estranged from them,
 - they [estranged] have been reunited to God and Christ by the blessings of the gospel

to the glory of God

For – *gar* - the reason for what has been before Rom 15:8



- Matt 15:24 But He [Christ] answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
- Verse 8 is a summary of Christ's earthly ministry McCalley

Romans 15:13-14 (NASB77)

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**The name here given
to God**

The God of Hope.

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Romans

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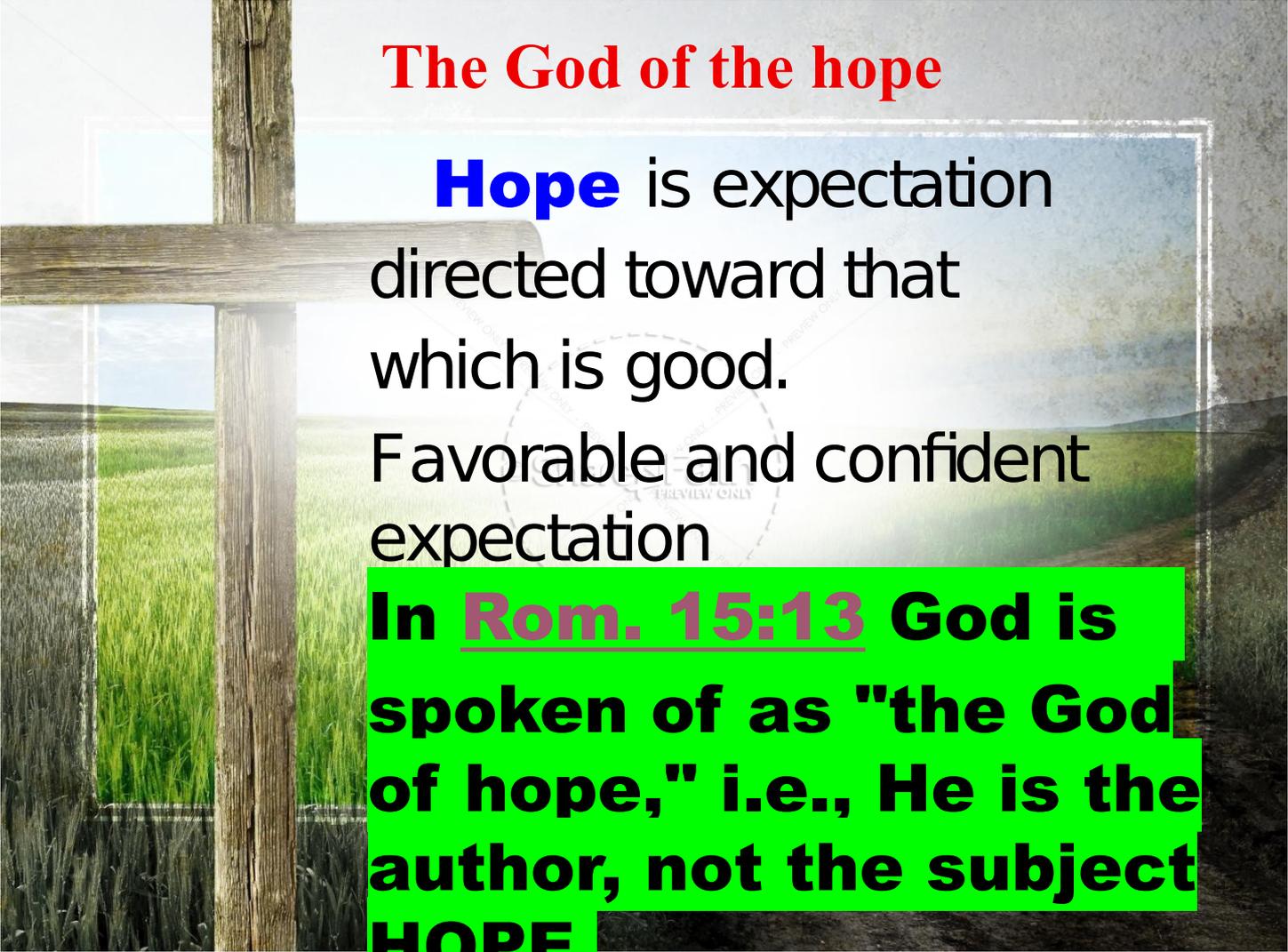
→ *Perseverance- endurance-
(hupomones- enduring patience)*

And

→ *encouragement*

(parakleseos- para, "beside,"

kaleō, "to call)



The God of the hope

Hope is expectation directed toward that which is good. Favorable and confident expectation

In Rom. 15:13 God is spoken of as "the God of hope," i.e., He is the author, not the subject HOPE.

**Peace is essential:
Christ made peace by the blood of His
cross.**

- ❖ **But we are not to be satisfied with peace alone.**
- ❖ **Many would stop at Romans 5:1, “*Being justified by faith, we have peace with God.*”**

But in verse 13 God speaks as the God of hope; and He wants us filled with all joy as well as peace, so as to be abounding in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rm. 5:2: *"We rejoice in **hope of the glory of God**"*

Rm12:12: *"rejoicing in hope"*

Eph. 2:7 *in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Is our hope in an event or a

person? There was in all that He said, two aspects of

the doctrine may be noted:

Israel's hope (Luke 1:54. 67-79: 2:38: Acts 26:6-7; 28:20; Eph. 2:12) **is their coming Messiah and His kingdom on the earth.**

Hope for the Believer is centered on the soon return of Christ (Titus 2:13-15; 1 John 3:2-3).

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Paul's perfect prayer calls on 'the God of hope' to bless and fill these Romans and all believers.

It is God who gives us the hope which we have in Christ.

The joy and peace which He imparts rests on faith (in believing).

The joy and peace specially flowing from justification and acceptance with God, our union with the Lord Jesus and the more we have of these, the more we abound in the hope of the Holy Spirit.

FILL YOU

**Pleroo - to cram or level up
(optative-a wish or hope- Aorist,
Active)**

(c) of believers:

with **the Spirit**, **Eph. 5:18**;

with **joy**, -gladness – good cheer

Acts 13:52; **2 Tim. 1:4**;

and peace, quietness, rest

Rom. 15:13;

Vine's Expository Dictionary

It is God Himself alone who can fill us with all joy and peace, making us to abound in hope. We cannot transform ourselves!

It is by the power of the indwelling Spirit that we are to “abound in hope.”

- Some people are naturally introspective and gloomy.**
- Others are naturally cheerful and happy.**
- But the joy in which we as believers are to flourish does not in any way flow from nature,**

It is from the direct, inworking energy of the Holy Spirit.

This abounding in hope, is in the power of the Holy Spirit

(Acts 1:8 (NASB77) ⁸but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Luke 4:14 (NASB77) ¹⁴And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.)

The end contemplated in Paul's prayer **that the God of hope would fill the Romans (all believers) with all joy and peace in believing.**

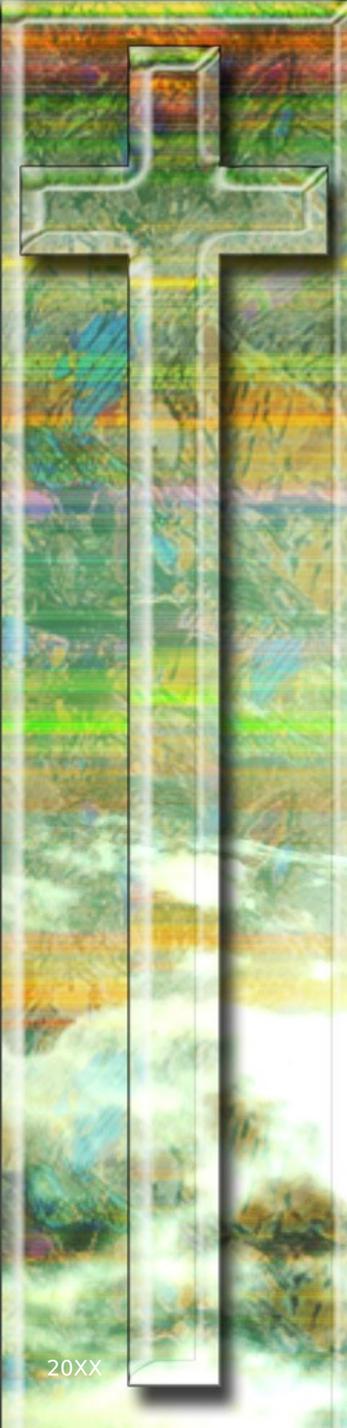
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IN- en

a primary preposition denoting (**fixed**) position (in place, time or state),

Believing – pisteuein-in the believing habitually
(P A INF)

- When a verb form is used it is not viewing **faith** as a quality but as an activity.
- Some words are so clear in meaning that attempts to define them do nothing except cloud their meaning; the word believe is one of them.
- When someone asks if one believes something, one does not become confused over what it means to believe.
- Believing –here-refers to intelligent acceptance of



Newell says when asked by the Jews in John chapter 6, “What must we do that we may work the works of God?”

our Lord replied, “This is the WORK of God [the one thing He asks of you], **that ye BELIEVE on Him whom He hath sent.**”

The “believing” is “living by faith in the Son of God.”

It is stepping out on the facts God reveals about us; and learning to live the life of trust.

Paul declares that the **“principle” that prevails** in this dispensation is a

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Perisseuō "to be over
or above (a number), to
be more than enough, to
be pre-eminent,
superior," "to be
abundantly furnished,
to abound in a thing,"
"to abound"

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God is the God of hope, and He would have His people to abound in hope.

He is going to carry through without fail every purpose of His love in connection with those whom He has called.

The Holy Spirit would give us power to hold it all in our souls as a matter of hope.



**If we abound in hope, as
having before us what God
has before Him, it will keep
us bright and sustain us
even in the presence of all
the weakness and
departure that have
manifested themselves in**



How much do you value what the Spirit does?

It is most wonderful, beautiful, and encouraging!

- To think that the Spirit of God is in me and so interested in me that He actually presents to God the very things He desires peculiarly for me.
- He makes intercessions with groanings. (The groaning is to show the depth of His interest,) *the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep*

EXAMPLE

Romans 8:26

(NASB77)

²⁶And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

Adapted from JBS

Every exercised believer longs to enter into the Spirit's desire. This is the Spirit in the individual going through the wilderness.

It is not church body-prayer here. In the church we pray in the Holy Spirit; we know what to ask for; we are in the fellowship of the Spirit as to the interests of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here it is individual as to our own needs, *"We know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us."* It is most touching, the depth of His interest,

This explains how we advance in divine things.

The Spirit of God is acting for you, and God searches my heart, not looking for the bad but the good, for what the Spirit desires for me.

Consequently, He *helps* my infirmities, helps me in the very circumstances in which I am.

What could be more comforting?

The more I am in the Spirit the more I am Here (Romans 15:13) we are rather rising out of the wilderness than actually in it. *"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit".*

In Romans, the Spirit helps me with regard to things here. The Spirit of God so identifies Himself with me that I have a Helper in all these things; He interests Himself in all my concerns, He HELPS me. This is the power downward. WN

When John wrote his Gospel the churches were in a sad state, but he wrote about the Son of God, and the Father, and the Comforter, and about the thoughts of divine love in relation to those given by the Father to the Son. He is a blessed example of one filled with all joy and peace in believing and abounding in hope. cc



Now, if God is the God of hope, looking forward with expectancy and delight to the certain, glorious things of the future, then a dejected, repressed, discouraged saint of His is yielding to a spirit directly contrary to His will, which is, for each of us, that we abound in hope.

Newell

Here, in this great fountain of grace in Chapter 15:13, we find that a daily, hourly life *“filled with all joy and*

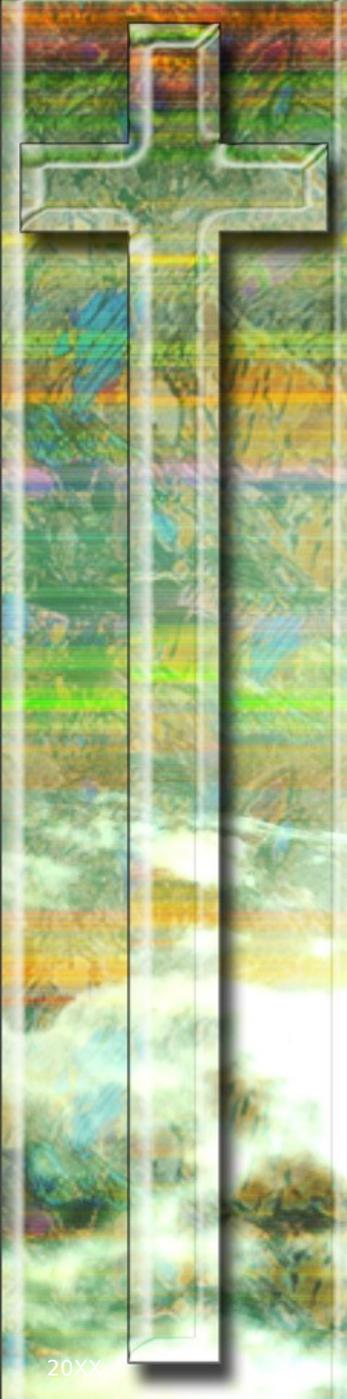
¹⁴ *And I myself also am **persuaded** of you, my brethren, that you, yourselves, are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able to admonish one another*

Persuaded- Pepeismai-in the **Passive Voice**, signifies " persuasion was applied to me, I was won over, I am convinced," a change of mind by the influence of reason or moral considerations.

Vine's

In Romans 1:8 (NASB77) Paul says to the Roman believers- *8First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.*

Verses 13-14 have mainly to do with those inner gifts of the Spirit which enabled believers with loving hearts and discerning knowledge to look after one another's spiritual needs without any apostle's help.



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Paul was persuaded concerning them that they were *full of goodness and knowledge*. What a contrast with what is said of the natural man in chapter 3:10-18!

The gospel comes to us as not having one feature of goodness about us, and it works such a miracle that we are filled with goodness and with all knowledge! If

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The goodness with which the saints, viewed normally, are filled,

is intelligent goodness.

- **He knows** himself -- man -- and
- **He knows** God as revealed in righteous grace.
- **He knows** the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **He knows the** Spirit as indwelling.
- **He knows** the brethren as one body in Christ.
- Therefore "*filled with all knowledge*" there is the ability to admonish one another.

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We always need admonishing; it is a putting in mind of things known -- not the teaching of what is unknown.

This very letter is a good example of admonishing.

Paul does not write as to people who did not know; he assumes all through that they knew what he was speaking about. But he puts them in mind of what they knew, so that the

Admonish- Noutheteo- to *put in mind*, i.e. (by implication)
to *caution or reprove* gently-Strong's

**We can hopefully admonish one another
because the truth of what we speak is known
to us believers.**

**A brother or sister has often called my
attention to what I know in a way that has
brought it home to me with freshness and set
me a little more in the good of it.**



to a **It is a wonderful privilege to belong**
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