

Series...

Praying Through  
the Summer  
with The  
Apostle Paul

Today

**“Established in the Gospel”**

Romans 15:5-6, 13

## Main Idea

The gospel was and is God's way of bringing hope to the world through a community of believers unified in love for the glory of God.



## Romans 15:5–6 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Ways To Support Unifying Love

❑ By calling you to serve one another in love (especially the strong, 15:1-2)

❑ By following Christ's example (15:3)

❑ By sustaining your patience, comfort, and hope in the Word (15:4)

❑ By praying for unity – It Comes From God (15:5-6)

❑ By accepting one another (15:7)

Romans 15:1-7

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

# The Way to Experience Hope

*Biblical hope is exclusively Christian.* Only those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ can possess biblical hope. Non-Christians do not possess the hope of which we are speaking.

Romans 15:13

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- ❑ Biblical hope is closely related to faith (I Peter 1:21)
- ❑ Biblical hope is characterized by confidence rather than wishful thinking. (Hebrews 11:1)
- ❑ Biblical hope looks for its fulfillment in the future, and requires us to wait. (Romans 8:24-25)
- ❑ Biblical hope comes from God Himself. (Rom. 15:13)

Romans 15:13

## Romans 16:25–27 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, <sup>26</sup> but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, **so that all nations might believe and obey him**— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

# The Way the Church is Effective

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Romans 16:25-27

# So That...

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