

# Living in Hope

## Romans 15:1-13

### Introduction

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“Where there is no faith in the future there is no power in the present.”

God has given us extraordinary hope for the future.

Paul talks about living in hope and how living in hope should look among God’s people.

Chapter 14:1-11 He talks about kindness and understanding in the church.

Chapter 14:12-23 Accountability toward each other and caring for others instead of yourself.

### Verses 1-4 We live for others in Hope

1. The strong must help the weak
2. Infirmary = weakness
3. We must focus on others and not ourselves
4. Seek to please one’s neighbor for the edification
5. Edification to build up
6. Making disciples is hard work
7. Jesus cared for us more than Himself
8. Verse 4 All things written were for our learning

### Verses 5-7 We live unified in Hope

1. God grant us patience
2. We must be like-minded toward each other
3. According to Jesus (John 17)
4. Cut up Pizza example
5. Be of one mind

6. Be of one mouth
7. Glorifying God
8. Like Jesus
9. Receive = welcome others
10. As God has welcomed you
11. People come to church and God is glorified by our welcoming spirit
12. We love for the glory of God not the glory of ourselves

### **Verses 8-13 We live in Providential Hope**

1. God ministered to Jews
2. To bring hope to Gentiles
3. Leviticus 32:43 Moses
4. Psalm 117 David
5. Isaiah 11:10 Prophets
6. The entire Old Testament declares hope
7. The hope comes through the root of Jesse
8. Jesus Christ is our hope
9. 129 times the word hope is in the Bible
10. We are people of hope
11. Webster/Hope = A desire of some good accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it.
12. Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen
13. Little League boy example
14. The burned boy example
15. We walk in a hope that is providential
16. Being people of hope is not weakness
17. Being people of hope takes great strength in a world that looks hopeless

## **Conclusion**

1. We are called to strengthen the weak in hope
2. We are called to be one unified voice of hope
3. We are called to trust in the one that gives hope (Jesus Christ)

## **Challenge**

1. Do you feel hopeless?
2. Know that Jesus gave us hope in a hopeless world.
3. Trust in the One that give true hope.