

Romans 15:4-13 “4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have **hope**. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.” 10 And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” 11 And again: “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” 12 And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall **hope**.” 13 Now may the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may **abound in hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.” This morning, we are going to take a closer look at our Blessed Hope. We shall look at the (1) source of our hope, (2) a description of our hope, (3) the object of our Hope, and finally (4) abounding in hope.

I. SOURCE OF OUR HOPE **Rom.15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have **hope**. Hope and confidence are synonymous.

A. Satan’s technique has always been to attack the character and credibility of God. **Genesis 3:4** “You shall not surely die.”

B. God’s plan or method for countering Satan’s attack is through the fulfillment of His promises as recorded in scriptures: **Hebrews 6:11-20** turn to this and read. Note verses **15-18**: And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. We see this same desire on God’s part, to confirm his credibility in **Romans 15:8** “Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,” Therefore, as we read God’s Word and discover the tremendous promises that have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ’s first coming, God instills hope and confidence in our hearts!

II. DESCRIPTION OF OUR HOPE **“Hebrews 6:19-20** “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

A. Anchor of the soul

B. Both sure and steadfast

C. Hidden in the Presence behind the veil **Rom 8:24** “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?”

III. THE OBJECT OF OUR HOPE 12 And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall **hope**.” **Psa 38:15** “For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God.”

IV. ABOUNDING IN HOPE that you may **abound in hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.” **Psa 42:5**