

SERIES: THE ROMAN ROAD

Live To Be A Blessing

Romans 15:1-13

1. We live to bless others because we have the life of Christ Romans 8:1, John 2:13-17

Romans 15

1 We then who are strong **ought to bear** with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. 3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The **reproaches** of those who **reproached** You fell on Me." (Psalm 69:9b)

2. We live to bless one another in the church when we are filled with God's <u>infallible writings</u> of hope

Job 42:1-6

Romans 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**.

3. Being filled with God's Word and the mind of Christ will empower you to live as a blessing to all people

Matthew 6:25-26; Matthew 11:28-29

Romans 15

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.

4. We can live to be a blessing to all because Jesus confirmed the promises of God

Acts 2:25-32; Acts 25:18-19; Acts 26:6-8

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, 9 and 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." [2 Samuel 22:50] 10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" [Deuteronomy 32:43] 11 And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" [Psalm 117:1] 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." [Isaiah 11:10]

5. If you are to be a blessing of joy and peace to others, you must first believe

Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4; Romans 10:9-10

Romans 15:13

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.

Do you believe that the <u>wages</u> of your sin is death? Romans 6:23a

Do you believe that sin is <u>lawlessness</u>? 1 John 3:4

Has your belief led you to salvation according to Romans 10:9-13?