

Hopewell ARP Midweek Sermon
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Romans 15:13–16

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. ¹⁴ Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵ Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, ¹⁶ that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The Fullnesses of God's Plan

Main idea: God's intention toward believers is to fill them with joy, peace, faith, hope, goodness, knowledge, and holiness unto God's glory.

Introduction: Christ's aim and ours is the final, glorious worship (cf. v7–12), and unto that end God is filling us with...

1. **Hope**, v13

1. He is the God of hope, and He is making us to abound in hope.
 1. Hope comes from God.
 2. The Spirit is God.
2. Faith Joy+Peace Hope. cf. 5:1–2

2. **Goodness and knowledge**, v14

1. The apostle's confidence about them, though he has never met them
2. But knowledge and goodness come by the same Spirit (cf. 8:1–27)
3. This is how they are able to admonish one another (cf. 12:3–16)

3. **Holiness**, v15–16

1. The apostle, too, must now exercise his gift
 1. Writing with boldness
 2. A "liturgist" of Jesus Christ, "priesting" the gospel
2. What the nations carry near unto God must be made holy in order to be acceptable

Conclusion: behold the value of holiness, that it makes our worship acceptable! Behold the generosity of God, Who fills us with joy, peace, faith,

hope, goodness, knowledge, and holiness, that His elect from all the nations might be accepted, delighted worshipers forever!

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Romans 15 verses 13-16. These are God's words. Now, may the god of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. That you may abound in. By the power of the Holy, Now I myself am confident. Concerning you my brethren? That you also are full of goodness. Filled with all knowledge.

Able also to admonish one another. Nevertheless Brethren. I have written more boldly to you on some points. As reminding you because of the grace given to me by God, that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. Ministering the gospel of God. That the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable.

Sanctified. By the Holy. Amen. Now, since this reading of gods inspired and inherent work, I remember that in last week's portion. In verses 8 through 12, we had this great Crescendo quoting from every part of the Old Testament, all three major divisions of the Hebrew Bible. Announcing that Jesus.

Uh, what come the Lord. Would come and would gather unto God? A multitude from all the nations over whom, not only he would Reign but whom he would lead in the worship of God. Rejoicing over God himself. And that this is how God is pleased to be glorified in all of history.

This is how God is pleased to reveal himself. Not only by gathering to himself worshipers who glorify and enjoy him forever. But by revealing himself in his son, That God, the son who has become now Jesus Christ Our Lord by adding to himself a human nature. In order to save us, in order to gather us that God the son is the great Revelation to us of the Triune God.

The visible God made visible And so, there is this. This great intention of God and this great Revelation of God himself in Jesus Christ, to save for himself, an innumerable multitude from all the nations to worship him forever. He is. Therefore, now going to be called in our passage this evening.

The god of Hope. The God Who has decided upon this wonderful end from before the beginning. And therefore, he is the God who determined that, hope that we have, that certain and glorious future to, which we look forward to the word, hope, of course, in the New Testament, not meaning something that is in doubt, but that we really desire and maybe have some good prospects that it will happen.

No though this word hope meaning something that although future is already certain and although not yet, seen is so good and so certain that we already enjoy and respond to it can live by it. And so when it calls him, the god of Hope, he is the God who has planned that for which we hope or he's determined that.

He's the God who has secured it. He is the God, who is bringing us about, bringing it about applying it to us. He is the Assurance of this hope making us to be certain about what is certain

And so, He is the God of this hope and as the God of this, He is filling us with a number of things and that is The key word that we have picked out in the Apostles Spirit inspired language here.

Now May the god of Hope fill you with all joy. I myself am confident concerning you that you are also full of goodness filled with all knowledge and then the idea of fullness the idea of perfection Implied, although the same word full does not now appear a fourth time.

But in verse 16, this this goal of the Apostles Ministry that the offering of the Nations might be acceptable, Sanctified made holy made perfect. In order that it can come near the Living God. And so Holiness as well. And so, the great theme here is the theme of the god of Hope filling Those.

Whom he is, bringing to enjoy him in this worship forever, filling them with joy and with peace by faith. And thus, filling them with hope, filling them, with goodness, filling them with knowledge, filling them with Holiness, And of course it's not just an impersonal them. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, it is you.

And if you are not yet a believer in Jesus, Christ, it is offered to you. In Jesus Christ. For you, who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, although you thus far, Find that your faith is smaller than. You would like and you cry out, Lord, I believe help my unbelief and your joy is smaller than you would like, and your peace is smaller than you would like.

And this is discouraging because the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace. And, Even though our love is smaller than we would like, often the joy and peace lag behind even the love And our knowledge is smaller than we would like and our goodness is small and certainly our Holiness.

Well, the God who has determined your end. Which is how you have come. To be joined to Christ in the first place to love him in the first place. You remember that logic. We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God. Well you do not love him.

As you ought, you do not love him as you wish, but to fear a Believer you do love him and you know that the only way that that has come about that that could come about. Is because you have been called. According to his purpose, he is the god of Hope.

This is his purpose. This is the hope in which he created all things and this Divine hope in which he created all things becomes the human, hope of the Divine son on the cross. Who despises the shame. He counts the shame of the cross. As a small thing compared to what compared to the Joy set before him compared to this hope that he has, that he will be the worship leader.

God, the son, the revelation of God also now for us, God the Savior and the worship leader And so we'll consider the things which God has determined to fill you. Dear Christian. This evening. That he will fill you with hope and in. So doing, you'll fill you with faith.

He will fill you with joy. He will fill you with peace. And that he has filled and is filling you with goodness and knowledge. You have the goodness and the knowledge that you need for your ministry now. And you will be full of goodness and knowledge entirely when you come to the last day for your ministry then.

For your ministry. Now is small, isn't it? Well, it's not small in and of itself being used to edify, being used to build up other believers. That's a great Ministry. But it is small compared to coming near to God. And being the ones in whom he is glorified forever and ever.

In the worship of his perfected. To draw near to God and offer the offerings. Not in a copy on Earth. But as those who have been conformed, to the image of the son and gathered in the person of the Son, and with the sun to the Lord, To worship him forever and ever.

You will have the knowledge and goodness, that is requisite for that. And therefore, You must also have Holiness. In Zone, verse 13, we see the god of Hope making us to abound in Hope or filling us with hope and he does this by filling us with two things. And here, the Apostle is praying.

Now, may the god of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. That you may abound in. By the power. Of the Holy. Notice. How we come to be abound in. Hope is to be full of joy and to be full of peace. You and I feel our need for joy and peace.

It is painful to be sad. It is painful to be anxious. But our joy and peace are important for more than just our being able to have a quietness of mind and of heart to be untroubled to be relieved of pain. We must have joy and peace, so that we may hope so that we may abound in.

So that we may worship God. Well, his glory and our worshiping of him is even higher. Uh, even more important. Than for us to be delivered of sadness or to be delivered. Of pain or trouble or anxiety, in our hearts. And so may the god of Hope fill you with all joy and peace so that you may abound in, Hope by the power.

Of the Holy. Notice, we skipped the important phrase Or just one word in believing. Being certain of what God has said and resting therefore upon the God who has said it resting upon the Lord. Jesus Christ himself, who is God, he is God, the word he is God, who has spoken to us?

And this is true from cover to cover of the Bible, it doesn't start where the red letters begin in some printed copies of the word of God. It is the spirit of Christ. Peter tells us Who is carrying those who prophesied beforehand? And so the Lord Jesus has always been the Lord who is speaking to us and he has always been speaking to us about himself.

And it is as he by his Spirit gives us. To believe of a certainty. Whatever he has said, in the scripture because it is he, who has said it in the scripture, But not just to believe of a certainty. Everything, the scripture says, But to believe in him to rest upon him about whom the scripture speaks.

And he has been speaking to us of himself and it is as his Spirit, blesses to you his word and increases your certainty, your understanding As we'll be thinking about knowledge in a moment, increases your certainty about the truth of the Bible and increasing increases the degree to which you rest upon the Lord.

Jesus Christ depend entirely upon him and find him therefore entirely dependable. For Faith in. Jesus Christ. Has a perfect object. You're depending will never out Pace his dependability. The more you come to rest upon him, the more you will find yourself rested. Upon him. The more you will find that he carries the weight.

That we with which we rest upon him. The picture of Faith. Given in that hand laying ceremony, where they, the hand leaning ceremony you remember in Leviticus where the hand was put. And it wasn't just, you know, a love patent, the weight of the worshiper being placed upon and you rest upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

And when you realize that that's Of the essence of Faith as all of these components, but especially that component, Is that not delightful to you? Is that not peace giving to you? To

think about letting all of the weight of your need for forgiveness of your need for strength of your need for life and goodness and every virtue Letting all of that weight rest upon the Lord.

Jesus Christ. Doesn't mean that you're passive. You still do everything. He's told you to do. But as you do, it all of the weight of it. Rests upon him. And he demonstrates his Almighty power and goodness, by carrying you who have believed into him who have believed upon him.

And surely, as he helps our unbelief as he increases our faith, as he comes to fill us with This faith that is portioned out to us by him. We heard in chapter 12, You will increase in Joy, will increase in peace. Until you are. And does he fills us with hope?

Notice there was a third person of the godhead whose Divinity then is proclaimed in this wonderful. Prayer and benediction. By the. Of the Holy. You see it is the god of Hope who makes us to abound in. But here he highlights especially to us the third person of the godhead.

The one whom we have come to know, not only as the one who proceeds From the father and the son but whose especially promised by Jesus when he starts talking about his Ascension, When he starts talking about going to the father and carrying out as our mediator, as a prophet and priest, and King, who's who's been selected from among men and ordained for this purpose?

Yes, he is. God or else he could not pour out the Holy The god man, our Lord Jesus, who must physically remove to the throne of Glory. In order to in his role as our Christ in his role, as our mediator in his role as our Prophet priest and King, pours out the third person of the godhead, And so it is especially in in the spirit being highlighted that way.

As a gift of the god, man. Who has poured him out upon us. That the spirit comes now in Almighty power. For, although proceeding from the father and the son from all eternity. He is not less than the father and the son, he is the God of all hope.

And that's why it's by the power of the Holy. That we come to abound in Hope. Oh, does the spirit still do Miracles? Absolutely. He raises spiritually dead people to Spirit to. He gives spiritually. Joyless and anxious people, he gives them faith and he gives them joy and he gives them peace and he is exerting his Almighty power, especially in making us to abound in.

Hope this is much greater even than if limbs were to grow back and quadriplegics walked and cancer would disappear. Which, of course he can still do. But this is not the great miracle that he works. And of course, those gifts attending the apostolic preaching of the word. No longer.

Continue as signs in that way. There are not men with such gifts anymore. But here is the grid work of the Holy. Making Christians. And building them up into Christ. Until they abound in Hope. Until they're full. Full of Faith. Full of Full of peace. Abounding in Hope. And that's the miracle that you need, isn't it?

And it's the miracle that he is always doing. Every time you come, To his word and your secret worship or your gatherer as a household in your family worship, where you you come on a night like this and you get the means of Grace even in the mid middle of the week.

And yet, here we are hearing his word preached. We're going to call upon his name together and we do it independence upon the holy spirit for whose ministry, we prayed before we began tonight. And then especially in the public worship on the Lord's Day which has been set apart for that purpose that he who is shaking Heaven and Earth is ministering his word to us red and

sung and prayed and preached and heard preached and sealed by his sacraments, the Holy Spirit attending all of it and applying Christ to all of his people, exerting almighty power.

As by faith in by increase of Faith, he increases joy and he increases peace and he increases Someone says, I want to go to one of those holy spirit Power churches. I hope what you mean by that. You want to go to a church? A true church. Where God is worshiped, the way that he says to not so that the worshipers and the leaders of the church can pin a regulative, principal star on our chests.

But because we depend entirely upon. The god of Hope. And God, the Holy spirit is the one. Who is exercising his Almighty power? To make us abound in this. More. And more. We're going to have to. Uh, move on, but you could take some time, even to go back to chapter five, verses one through two and see how faith and then joy and peace by faith.

Abound unto Hope and hope, makes joy, and peace abound more and so forth in that wonderful section. So that's the first thing that we see that God fills those. Whom he is bringing into this worshiping multitude with. He fills us with hope and he offers to you, even if you are not a Christian, this is what he offers to you in himself, in his son, not just forgiveness, although that is glorious and not just righteousness or right standing with God, although that is glorious.

Offers to you to be filled to abound and open filled with joy and filled with peace filled. With faith. The second place he fills us with goodness and knowledge as much as we need at a time. He moves from praying now to addressing them. In verse 14. Now, I myself am confident concerning you my brethren.

That you also are full of goodness filled with all knowledge able also to admonish one another. And so the Apostle isn't is saying I'm not writing to you. I haven't written this letter to you because The Roman Church doesn't get what Paul writes to them, then they're not going to make it no, their ability to admonish one another, their ability to edify one another Is something that is made certain by the fact that God is using them in one another's lives.

And so when you are part of the church and and you have believed into Jesus Christ, you're part of a congregation and you feel like you are behind in Grace and who wouldn't feel like they were behind in Grace if they received the book of Romans. This wonderful written perhaps the richest exposition of the Gospel and all of scripture many, uh, have certainly Thought so and called it that and the Roman, uh, you know, the average believer in the, Roman Church is sitting there and he receives that and he's oh, If only I were As theologically.

Uh, intelligent if only I had the Theology of Paul. Or the the knowledge of Paul or the goodness of Paul to see how his heart breaks even for the Jews. But see how also he loves the the Nations. See, how much? Like the Lord Jesus about whom he has written to us, he himself is And the apostles, the Apostle, uh, heads that off and he says no.

I myself am confident concerning you my brethren, not just Brethren my brethren. And so he says I'm in the same same place as you I'm not writing uh because in my superiority what you really need is Paul you have Christ from the god of Who is applying Christ to you by the Holy?

The Triune God doesn't need. The Apostle Paul. He doesn't need. The other church members in Rome, he's pleased to use them. And so he's building now on. Uh, what he had written to them back in chapter 12, About each of us having different gifts. We're members of the same body, but we have different gifts and we each have a different measure of faith and none of us should think highly too highly of ourselves.

But we should think with sober judgment about ourselves. But that sober judgment doesn't mean saying, well, everyone else is more spiritually knowledgeable and everyone else is better than I am. And so there's really no use in my serving in the church. My Edifying others in conversation, my exercising Hospitality my whatever it is out of the The list of things that God has given Believers to do there in chapter 12 and verses 3 through 16.

No. You have all of the goodness and all of the knowledge that you need to serve one another even Confront one another. Some of you have. Heard of nephetic counseling. It is. This word admonish is built from the same word, from which we get that word and it is a word that does mean.

To confront one another. And so, the The Lord has given us everything that we need. Paul hasn't written. Because no one in Rome. Is able to confront anyone. The letter has confronted. I mean, he's said things he said, may it never be, or may it not even begin to be on a number of occasions, some English translations insert the The name of God in those places and they say God forbid, which isn't Necessarily a literal translation there but that's the idea.

He said of those who think a certain way. About the what is, what we have come to know as the calvinistic or reformed gospel but before it was any of those things, it was just the gospel gospel. And those who think and speak a certain way about it. You remember in chapter 3 he said their condemnation is just And he he said some pretty pointed things.

But he hasn't written because there's no one there who can say pointed things. Doesn't mean that every last believer. Has all of the knowledge and goodness necessary to confront every other believer. That would be. That would be unwise. It is those who Who are full of the spirit, who are spiritual Galatians 6:1, who should restore those who are caught in sin, a spirit of gentleness, And yet the smallest believer does know enough for what the Lord has given him to do.

Praise the Lord, Jesus Christ. To ask sometimes those questions. That embarrass mom or dad. Because you ask in simple, Faith about something. We're humbled and helped. God gives us, God gives us the goodness that we need and the knowledge that we need. For the Ministries to which he has called us, the place, the role that he has called us to in his church.

He says I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren. That you also are full of goodness filled. With all knowledge. Able also to admonish one. Another how well? By The Same Spirit. The Same Spirit whose Almighty power was that by which he prayed that they would abound in Hope in verse 13.

That's Paul is sure that they are full of goodness and full of knowledge. This is part of the spirit's Ministry to them. You know, he's never met them. He's never been to Rome. And yet the reputation preceded them. We heard in in chapter one and as the Apostle worked through his exposition of the Gospel.

And we got to chapter 7, the end of chapter 7 and it felt like there was a law of sin and death still in him as a Believer. It felt like that. Because the good that he wanted to do, he didn't do and the evil things that he hated he still did.

So even as a Believer it felt like there was a law of sin and death that was like uh that was in his every member of his body, every aspect of who he was. Like some sort of DNA poisoning. Then you remember at the beginning, Of chapter 8. The law of the spirit of, Has set me free from the law of sin and death.

And so their sin and death in, in Believers from ourselves, from our, from our former nature, the nature with which we came into this world and even when we get a new nature in Christ, so that we Delight in God's law and our inner being, we still have that sin and death.

That remains from our former nature. And yet, when he cries out who will deliver me from the body of this death at the end of chapter 7, what was his answer? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ. Our Lord. And then in, First 27, verses of chapter 8, There's that glorious explanation.

Of the ministry of the Holy. And the life of the believer. He has given us life now that we are able to obey God's law. Because we're United to a Christ who died for us. And we are raised in that Christ. And so the spirit in his Almighty power applies, to us the life and the goodness of Jesus, and he makes us to live, not according to the flesh, but according to himself, according to the Holy spirit so that we put to death, the Deeds of the body, and he makes us to call God our Father, and he makes us to know that Christ suffers with us

And then after we have suffered a little while we, uh, briefly in moment, lightly and momentarily.

Which is marvelous to think about all of the suffering of this life and some of you suffered a lot But it's still light and momentary compared to the the, the the duration, and the heaviness, the glory, Of your being glorified with the Lord Jesus. And that it's especially the spirit.

Who is making God's adopted children to be conformed to the son. So that when that work is completed, the end will come. All the children of God will have been gathered. All the children of God will have been perfected and then comes the resurrection that part of the adoption of sons that is the Redemption even of our bodies, which is what this whole groaning creation is, is longing for And the spirit helps us even to pray for that.

Because as the creation groans and as we have the first fruits of the spirit grown, our groaning isn't perfect. So, the spirit helps us in our weakness because we do not know how to pray for what we ought. And then he also intercedes for us. Not only helping us in our praying.

But accompanying it with his perfect intercession. For us. And so, he's giving us. He's giving us the goodness that we need, and the knowledge that we need, and this is why. As the Apostle writes, although he's not there, He's heard some things obviously he's written to them about those things.

But he doesn't. He doesn't have to inquire. Do they have enough of of Do they have enough? People who are of this sort of character? Do they have enough people who have this sort of knowledge? Here's a hearty confidence in the Triune. God, whose Has converted those who are being gathered into that church.

When we find ourselves needy. Well, you're not needy of men. We are a needy of repentance. We are an idea of We are needy of God's. And yes, he uses men. So we cry out for more of them and we cry out for them to be equipped and we cry out for them to grow in goodness and knowledge we cry out for all of us to do so But we do so in confidence.

In the work of God, the Holy And as Uh, has written to them. Now about what they already have among themselves and he adds His own Ministry, says nevertheless Brethren. I have written more boldly to you on points as reminding you because of the grace. Given to me by God.

So the same Triune God, who has revealed himself in his son and he has saved us by his son and is now By his Spirit, working in his church, He is the one from whom Paul has received this

call. To be an apostle to the Gentiles. So it's not because he thinks what Rome really needs is me.

I'm going to write to them and I'm going to do it boldly. I'm really going to show them because there are things there they really need to hear pointedly. So, I'm going to write them boldly on some points. It's because the trying God has saved me, he says, and because Christ who ascended and gave gifts among men, some of whom were Apostles and that one of which was Paul and because the Holy Spirit had worked in Paul for the purpose of his being useful, in the ministry that Jesus has given him because the Triune God in the Sun, by his Spirit has given me this.

You see why he refers to his ministry as a Grace. Because of the grace given to me by God. I have written to you. More boldly. On some points. Therefore with Zeal and without fear, without timidity with the sort of love, that isn't going to sugarcoat where where force is necessary in the same, love that isn't going to use Force where, where gentleness is necessary, is he says to Philemon, for instance into the Corinthians at points.

But as with Zeal and with wisdom, and with diligence, That he is carrying out this ministry to them because it has been given to him. By the Holy. And then he starts to use this beautiful. Language. That I might be a liturgist. Of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. You often, when we see that word Minister, it's actually the, the servant.

The servant heart that we saw. For instance, back in verse 8, Now, I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision that same word from from which we get our word Deacon. Uh and perhaps there are English translations. It wouldn't be surprising at all because it's so often translated as Minister now I say that Jesus Christ has become a minister to the circumcision for the truth of God.

But, In verse 16, it's not from the word Deacon. It's from the word that we from which we get our word liturgy. He says that I might be a liturgist of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles and then this word, ministering comes from a different word. Looking at it in the English, you would think they both came from the same route.

But it's actually a verb form of the root word for priest. So, as he's a liturgist as he is this worship leader. And, Worship leader under Jesus. Obviously, in verse 16. He is doing this Priestly work, he's priesting the gospel. Now, I'm sure you've heard of preaching the gospel.

But it's probably tonight. The first time you've ever heard of Precinct the gospel. What does he mean? He means that as he writes to them of the Gospel, As an apostle carried along by the Holy. He is fulfilling a calling that is going to result. And that glorious. International.

Jesus Christ himself. Personally, LED everlasting, perfect worship. That is the hope for which God created all things. And God sent his son and God is now working in the world. That I might be a liturgist of Jesus Christ, to the Gentiles, priesting the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles, Might be acceptable.

Sanctified by the Holy. Here again. You want to talk about demonstration of the power of the spirit? And the goal of the ministry of the spirit. It is to not only bring into a state of forgiveness and justification and even adoption. All those upon whom God has set, this electing redeeming love.

From before the world began. But so to consecrate them. That they are. Holy Enough. To come near God. Not just, Not just by faith with Christ in glory. But them themselves body and soul. In

resurrected glory. Gathered to the Living, God, who is in all places but makes his glory more known.

And displayed in some places than others. And there in the presence of the God, man himself. Who is leading them conformed to His Image. Having been perfected in Holiness. Offer him this worship. And that's What causes this strange vocabulary of verse 16? Now, you are not an apostle. But as you fulfill the role that God has given you, In your household, in your family.

In your congregation. Even you dear children. As you admonish one another, with Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs? As you listen carefully, and think during the reading and preaching of the word because we're offering a corporate offering to God, Of meditating upon his word and receiving it from him. Therefore believing whatever it says and resolving to and doing whatever it commands.

Every one of you. Is offering something to God and we're all being then built up by by God in his son by his And as you do, so you are a liturgist. And what you are doing. Is something along the lines of Priestly work. Doesn't he describe us as a kingdom of priests?

And the holy nation. This is why we don't subscribe to the idea that there are men who are More Priestly than others in Christ's Church. Now, we have one great, high priest. And then, everyone else is just as Priestly. As everyone else. The youngest believer. Whether young in actual years or young in faith, Is a liturgist.

For priesting whatever service, whatever role they have in the church. Because God is making us. Holy So that we can worship Him and the way that he is designed. Forever. Hold the value of Holiness. But it is necessary in order that our worship will be acceptable. That Holiness without which we will not see the Lord.

That Holiness that we must have. If we are going to see him as he is, And then behold the generosity of God. Who is determined to fill you with that Holiness? He won't let any of it, be missing at the last He fills us with joy. And Peace by faith.

By which full joy and full peace. He fills us with. Hope he fills us with what goodness and knowledge. We need Not only now for the ministry that he has called us to But when we come at last to the come to the last day, Will be full of perfect goodness, and will be Of the knowledge of the Lord.

It will be full of Holiness. Truly, he is the god of Hope. Shall we not hope in him? And serve him. As he uses us unto these ends.