

Gentiles Abounding in Hope & Filled with Joy and Peace

The Blessings a Missionary Can Expect

Romans 15:13

“There are three great truths:
First, that there is a God;
Second, that He has spoken to us in the Bible;
Third, that He means what He says.
Oh, the joy of trusting Him!”

J. Hudson Taylor

⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
⁹ and in order that **the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.** As it is written,

“Therefore, I will **praise you among the Gentiles,** and sing to your name.”

¹⁰ And again it is said, “**Rejoice, O Gentiles,** with his people.”

¹¹ And again, “**Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.**”

¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; **in him will the Gentiles hope.**”

Romans 15:8–12 ESV

God's ultimate plan in missions
is to restore the ability of men
to glorify Him.

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

¹⁴ I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Romans 15:13–14 ESV

The expectation of Paul for churches around the world is that God is able to fill people, who are surrounded by an evil society, with great joy and peace.

“Joy is peace dancing,
and peace is joy at rest.”

F. B. Meyer

The intention of God is not just that people
be saved from the evil of this world—
He wants His church to abound in hope.

*“May the God of hope,
fill you with all joy
and (all) peace,
and may you
through the changing
power of the Holy Spirit
abound in hope.”*

Romans 15:13

Abounding hope is built upon
a belief that God will do what He says—
He will glorify himself in
the life of the Gentiles.

“I had a strong hope that God would
bow down the heavens and come down
and do a marvelous work among the heathen.
That is why I did what I did.
I had a strong hope.”

David Brainard

“Hope is one of the principle springs that keep mankind in motion. It causes man to encounter dangers and endure hardships and surmount difficulties innumerable in order to accomplish the desired end. In religion it is of no less consequence. It makes a considerable part of the religion of those who truly fear God.”

Andrew Fuller

“I long to be engaged in the blessed work
of saying to the heathen,
‘Behold your God.’
Don’t think that the future scenes
cast me down.
No, I go full of hope!”

Robert Moffat

Our hope that keeps us striving for the gospel is
that Jesus Christ became a servant
so that the Gentiles might glorify God
for His mercy.

When we believe that God has a plan
and will fulfill it, then we will pray with confidence,
that He would do His work in the hearts of His people
and that they would thrive in joy and peace
despite what they face.

If we are truly confident that this is God's intention,
then we will be busy of spreading the message
that Christ died for sinners.

The great hope of missions:

God is faithful to His promises and
will do what He intends—
The Gentiles will glorify God
for His mercy.