

A Hope Filled New Year – Part Two
Romans 15:13

Romans 15:13 (HCSB)

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

A Pathway Towards Overflowing Hope – Romans 15:1-12

- I. Deny Yourself and Live to Serve Others
- II. Immerse Yourself in God's Word at Every Opportunity
- III. Pursue Unity within Your Church Family
- IV. Embrace God's Mission in the World as Your Mission

A Prayer for Overflowing Hope

- I. Overflowing hope comes from God Alone

Psalms 62:5 (NIV)

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

Psalms 39:4-6 (NIV)

"Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. Each man's life is but a breath. Man heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it. But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."

- II. Overflowing Hope Rests in Christ and the Truth of His Word

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Colossians 1:4-6 (HCSB)

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this [hope] in the message of truth, the gospel that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and recognized God's grace in the truth.

Psalms 119:49, 81 (HCSB)

Remember Your word to Your servant; You have given me hope through it. I long for Your salvation; I put my hope in Your word.

Lamentations 3:21-23 (HCSB)

Yet I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!

III. Overflowing Hope will be accompanied by Peace and Joy

The Christian life, if it is grasped according to God's truth, is a magnificent obsession with an eternal hope, a hope that does not lead to an escapist attitude, but to the pursuit of life on a whole new dimension. It makes you bullish, as we might say today, on the potentials of this life as stewards of God. It gives us power to live courageously, to be all God has called us to be in Christ. – *from www.Bible.Org*

IV. Overflowing Hope is possible for Every Believer

- Ask Him for it.
- Trust that He will give it.
- Yield to His Holy Spirit.



“The outlook is as bright as the promises of God.”
Adoniram Judson