

“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” - Romans 15:12

LOST & FOUND

I. PROMISES KEPT

- Jesus, in his humility, confirmed the promises God made to the patriarchs to bless both Israel and the Gentile nations (Matt. 15:24; Mark 10:45; cf.; Rom. 1:16; Gal. 3:16).
- Paul is working on a larger theme here related to accepting one another in Christ and living in unity with one another (Rom. 15:1-7).
- Paul utilizes four quotations from all three branches of the Jewish Scriptures: The law, the prophets, and the writings (2 Sam. 22:50; Ps. 18:49; Deut. 32:43; Ps. 117:1; Isa. 11:10).
- God’s plan had always included the Gentiles. Through Jesus, their salvation has finally arrived (Isa. 42:6, 49:6; Luke 2:32, 4:16-21).

II. THE ROOT OF JESSE

- Jesus is the root of Jesse. From Jesse, God brought to Israel and the nations a Savior (Acts 13:16-41).
- The gospel in its simplest form is bifurcated. Jesus, the son of David, Jesus, the risen Christ (2 Tim. 2:8).
- To believe that God has kept his promises to his people (and to us) is to be filled with joy and peace. It is to be filled with hope (Vs. 13).

Abounding in Hope
Romans 15:8-13
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KNOW: The “root of Jesse” is Jesus the Messiah. He is the hope of everyone who believes, Jew and Gentile alike.

DO: Abound in hope. Salvation is for you, and for all who believe!

Suggested Reading:

God’s Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible by Vaughan Roberts
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Your Joy by John Piper
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

The True King by Nancy Guthrie
(Available in the LifePoint Kid’s Library)

Next Week’s Preaching Text: Jonah 1:17

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Romans 15:8-13

1. In what ways did Jesus become a servant to the Jews (and by extension, to us)?
2. In what ways has God been merciful to you?
3. Why is it a big deal for Paul to encourage Gentiles in this passage that Christ is for them? Would most of the Jews of Paul’s time rejoiced in this news?
4. Has the God of hope filled you with all joy and peace? In what ways?
5. How does the Holy Spirit’s power in us cause us to abound in hope?
6. What truths from these passages will you hold with you?