

Romans 15:7-13

The Gospel to the Gentiles

- ◆ Accept one another, then, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you. For I tell you that Christ's life of service was on behalf of the Jews, to show that God is faithful, to make his promises to their ancestors come true, and to enable even the Gentiles to praise God for his mercy. As the scripture says, "And so I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing praises to you." Again it says, "Rejoice, Gentiles, with God's people!" And again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles; praise him, all peoples!" And again, Isaiah says, "A descendant of Jesse will appear; he will come to rule the Gentiles, and they will put their hope in him." May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ This message was for the the Gentiles but it applies to all people; we should also follow these instructions. As the verses say, we should accept one another as Christ has accepted us all, this is done for the glory of God.
- ◆ Jesus Christ's life of service was to show God's faithfulness, to fulfill promises made to the Jewish ancestors and to enable the Gentiles to praise God for his mercy. All this was written in the scriptures as quoted above.
- ◆ God the source of hope fills us with joy and peace by means of our faith in him, and our hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.