

## Romans 15:1-13, Daily Devotions

### ☐ Monday - God's Word.

Romans 15:4

Referring to the Old Testament, Paul writes, "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). All Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by God. "The sum of Thy Word is truth" (Psa. 119:160). The Bible was written over a 1500 year span, by over 40 different authors, in three different languages (Hebrew, Greek, & Aramaic), yet there is one unified theme – salvation through Jesus Christ. What a time to live! We have the completed canon of Scripture, in our own language, and in our own possession. Christian, read it like your life depends on it, because it does! Read Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16

### ☐ Tuesday - Unity Amid Diversity.

Romans 15:5-9

Speaking to the church, the apostle writes, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." Therefore, "Be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify God. Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us." The people of God are one body with one head who is Jesus Christ (Col. 1:18). Diverse backgrounds, national distinctions & personal biases give way to the unity of faith.

Read Ephesians 4:1-5

### ☐ Wednesday - God Gives Perseverance.

Romans 15:5

Christian, are you being stretched and strained to your breaking point? Do you worry and wonder whether you will persevere in your faith? Look again at God's promises: "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6); He "will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:8); for you "were sealed for the day of redemption" by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30); because "the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable" (Rom. 11:29). Christian, you will persevere, because it is God who perseveres in you. He is "the God who gives perseverance and encouragement" (Rom. 15:5). Read Romans 8:38-39; John 6:37-39; Jude 1:24-25

### ☐ Thursday - The Root of Jesse.

Romans 15:12

Referring to Isaiah 11:10, apostle Paul writes, "There shall come *the root* of Jesse, He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, in Him shall the Gentiles hope" (Rom 15:12). The root of Jesse, and for that matter, the root of all things is Christ. Jesus said, "I am the *root* and the descendant of David" (Rev. 22:16); that is, the source, the originator and the creator. O what a great hope is Christ, who creator of all things (John 1:3, Col. 1:16). Those who trust in Him will not be disappointed (Rom. 9:33). Read Revelation 22:13, 16

### ☐ Friday - A Shoot from the Stump of Jesse.

Romans 15:12

In Isaiah 11:1, the prophet writes, "Then a shoot will spring from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David and the royal line. But here Jesse's family tree is pictured as a "stump". The Davidic dynasty was destroyed by internal corruption and foreign invasion. Nevertheless, the prophecy foretold of a shoot that would spring from the stump of Jesse (cf. Isa. 53:2). Just so, 700 years later a tender shoot of the line of David, the son of Jesse, would spring forth; that is, Christ. And of His kingdom there will be no end. Yes, He shall reign forever and ever! Hallelujah!

Read Isaiah 9:6-7