

Notes on Last Week's Message on Romans 15 "HOPE"

• Romans 15:13 *"So I pray that the God who gives you HOPE will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in Him. May you overflow with HOPE through the power of the Holy Spirit."*

• **By connecting with God we can have hope** in the midst of the troubles and struggles in an uncertain world and with our uncertain character. He has the power to do anything. He cares about us.

• **Hope is a confident expectation that**

• God will Do as He says.

"I will transform the valley of trouble into the gateway of hope." Hosea 2:15

• God, my Father, will cause the victory of Jesus over sin, death and the devil to resurrect my daily life. *"We have been born again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."* I Peter 1:3

• **God is big and He has acted.**

He fills the room. He fills the universe.

He fills my world with His action.

• *"We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to God's holy people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom with his life's blood and has forgiven us all our sins."*

Colossians 1:11-14

Our Believing Connects Us with God.

• *The God who gives you HOPE will keep you happy and full of peace as you **believe in Him.***

• Believing is practice – as a work involves. We get up out of our beds every day and do something. We meditate on the Scriptures. We place ourselves in the middle of a community of believers. We walk out into the river of the Spirit of God. Believing means we make God big in our life. We remember, praise and thank, and love Him. *I will awake the dawn. I say to myself, on your feet now to applaud God! I bring you a gift of laughter. I sing myself into your presence. You, my God, are sheer beauty. All generous in love. Loyal always and forever. You made a world of wonders. You set things right. My God, you rule. You loom majestic over my world.*