

Romans # 190

“The God of Hope, Joy and Peace”

Romans 15:10-13

Never in history has every race, color or nationality had better opportunity for spiritual advance than in the Church Age since the completion of the NT.

The greater our opportunity, the lesser our excuse for failure.

There is no excuse for failure to attain maturity since biblical truth is available through the teaching of the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher and time is made available to all for success or failure.

The joy of the Lord is our strength to carry us through everything in life and the point of staying in this life after salvation is to come to love God and we really don't even start living until we love God!

This demonstrates that Gentiles had Bible teaching and were capable of fulfilling the command, “Hallelujah.”

Mature Gentile believers worshipped Jehovah in the Old Testament and mature Gentile believers will worship Jesus Christ during the Tribulation, at the Second Advent and into the Millennium.

In Romans 9:30-33, many Old Testament Gentiles were saved while many Jews who had the advantage of evangelism were unsaved.

After the resurrection of the Church; the Rapture, the next prophetic event is the big genuflect which precedes the judgment seat of Christ.

Race, color or geographical location is never a handicap in the plan of God.

With the Word, we can stand anything, handle anything and understand any situation in life.

Believers will survive the worst conditions in history because they've remained inflexible on the essential doctrine but totally flexible in its application to historical catastrophe.

In our thinking, we look forward to the fantastic future we have and bring those thoughts back into time with great strength and power to overcome our present problems and that's biblical hope.

The Word of God always stands between the potential of having something and the hope or confidence that we will have it, so once we learn the biblical truth, we have the hope.

Once we learn Gospel information and believe it, eternal life is no longer a hope but a reality and then we have a new hope of receiving blessings at spiritual maturity but this hope is only a potential until we learn enough biblical truth to make the hope real to us.

Once we've learned enough biblical truth, then the potential of blessing from God becomes a confident expectation that He will bless us at spiritual maturity.

Happiness is thinking, not emotion; many things stimulate emotion but only one thing stimulates happiness and that's the Word of God.

Strength through flexibility is the RFHC function which demands inflexibility on the essentials of the Word and flexibility on the non-essentials of life.