

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13 (ESV)

What are you hoping for today? We use the word “hope” to describe a number of desires. Perhaps you hoped for all the traffic lights to turn green as you were on your way to an appointment. Maybe you wrapped up a work call with a quick “Hope you have a good day!” Or do you find yourself in a different place? Are you hoping for the return of a prodigal child, for physical healing when modern medicine says it cannot be achieved, or for the salvation of a loved one? Our hopes run the gamut from minor issues that will be forgotten tomorrow to decades of longing.

Over the past several years, the Lord has repeatedly drawn me to Romans 15:13. What truths do we learn from this blessing? Let’s consider the meaning of some of these words as defined based on the original Greek.¹

- hope (noun): expectation of good, hope; and in the Christian sense, joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation
- joy (noun): joy, gladness
- peace (noun): the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is
- fill (verb): to fill, diffuse through one’s soul
- believing (verb): to acknowledge Jesus as Savior, to devote oneself to him
- so that (preposition): the end which one has in view
- power (noun): inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature
- abound (noun): to overflow

Hope describes the character of our unchanging God! He fills every part of our soul with gladness and contentment because we know our salvation is guaranteed regardless of our circumstances. We receive this when we choose to believe through the gift of faith. The inherent power of the Holy Spirit makes it possible in order that we may overflow, not only with the expectation for good, but even more so with the “joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation.”

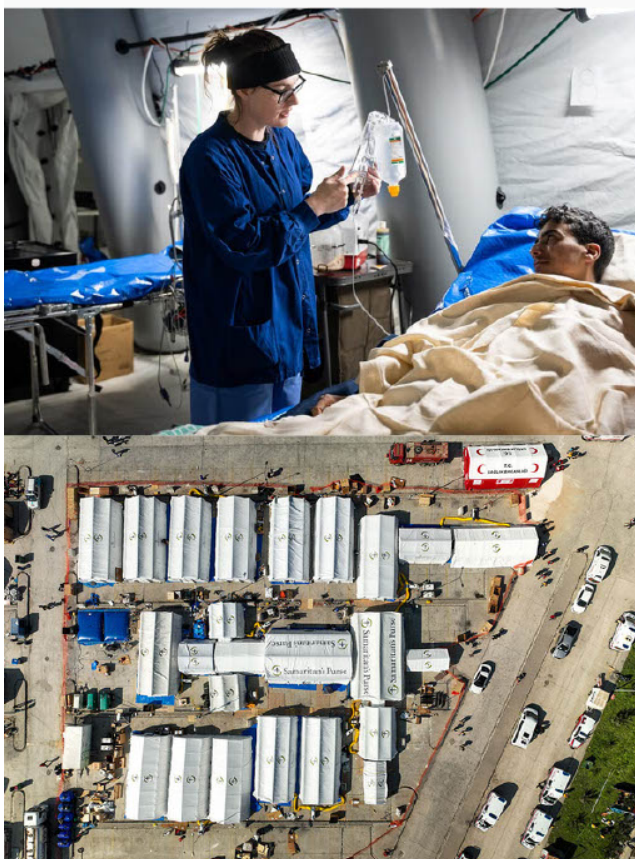
So once again, what are you hoping for today? Whatever it may be, as we walk through this life, let us give thanks for the hopes that are fulfilled, trust the Lord in the hopes that are deferred, and remember that our ultimate hope is eternal life with Jesus through the gift of salvation.

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