

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

⁷ Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted to you to the glory of God. ⁸ For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises *given* to the fathers, ⁹ and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written,

“THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES,
AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME.”

¹⁰ Again he says,

“REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE.”

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“PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES,
AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM.”

¹² And again Isaiah says,

“THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE,
AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES,
IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE.”

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:7-13)

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1. Psalm 18:49 (2 Sam. 22:50)

- Paul has in view the confession of God's name to the Gentiles by the risen Christ himself
- the nations who have opposed Him have been defeated in His death and resurrection – they enter into His saving reign as conquered enemies

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2. Deuteronomy 32:43

- this song of Moses holds out hope of salvation for the Gentiles in the salvation of God's people – this salvation follows judgment
- the risen Christ now invites the Gentiles to salvation; judgment has passed

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3. *Psalm 117:1*

- the Lord's saving mercy and enduring faithfulness embrace the nations
- all the "peoples" now appear within the scope of His saving mercy alongside His own people, Israel

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4. *Isaiah 11:10*

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,
And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

⁴But with righteousness He will judge the poor,
And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;
And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

(Isaiah 11:1-4)

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4. *Isaiah 11:10*

- represents restoration after judgment – a new David arises who will rule righteously
- the nations submit to His saving rule by placing their hope in Him