

# Study Guide: *Trusting the God of Hope*

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## **Introduction**

**Rom. 15:13**

*... fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him*

**Message Theme: *As we Trust the God of HOPE, He fills us with joy and peace***

## **I. Trust    What does it Mean to Trust the God of Hope**

1. **Trust:** “assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something. One in which confidence is placed.” Mirriam-Webster.com, “Trust” (9/29/21@13:00).

- Trust means to place our confidence in someone or something
- Said another way, *trust is to place someone or something of value in the care of someone I trust*

### **2. How do we grow in trust?**

Psa.9:10 *Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.*

- What does it mean to know God?

- Knowing God is not accumulating facts and info about God.
- In Scripture- Hebrew world- knowing through experience and relationship
  - **Hebrew:** Phenomenological: Integrated, concrete
  - **Greek:** Noumenal world, Abstract, ideas
  - • OT: **יָדָה**: (*yadah*) know, intimately; Adam knew his wife...
  - Sister Jones and the 23rd Psalm

- We know God through:

**His Word** See Rom. 15:4 *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

**His Spirit** Jn. 16:13-14 *He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*

**Our Faith-Obedience:** We experience God most deeply as we obey Him.  
Jn. 14:21- *Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.*

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## 3. When we trust God, we trust His:

- **Person** (Character: Provider, Protector, Shepherd (care))
- **Purposes** (Ways): 2 Sam. 22:31; Psa. 18:30 His way is Perfect; Just (Ps. 145:17); His ways are Mercy and Truth (חֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת, *hesed* and *emeth*) Ps. 25:10
- **Promises** 2 Pet. 1:3-4  
*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.  
Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

## II. Joy Trusting the God of Hope gives us Joy

All joy and peace

### Joy:

“the emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying;<sup>1</sup>

Joy is a fruit of the Spirit (2<sup>nd</sup> Fruit), Gal. 5:22

Neh. 8:10 *for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

Context- People of God were weeping and mourning over their sin as the Law was read.

Neh., Ezra & the Levites: were teaching them

- The Hebrew word for “strength” is (*maoz*), which means “stronghold.”<sup>2</sup>
- The Joy of the LORD: Joy that springs from the experience of communion with the LORD because they had a Covenant Relationship with God.

Exo. 34:6 *The LORD the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ... (Hesed and Emeth)*

- Their Joy came from an active awareness of God who is patient with them because he is loving and faithful, he was to be their strength.

- This joy is not based on *circumstances* but on a *relationship*.

- Joy: is based on a relationship that transcends circumstances. Ps. 16:11

- Perhaps the best examples of Joy of the Lord our strength: Heb. 12:2

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- The Joy of the Lord Jesus was His Strength.

- **Hope is knowing what is coming and letting that reality shape what you think & feel**

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<sup>1</sup> [Dictionary.com 10.1.21@10:01]

<sup>2</sup> Keil & Delitzsch, *Commentary on the OT*, vol. 3, 232.

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## III. Peace — Trusting the God of Hope gives us Peace

**Peace:** The Hebrew concept of *Shalom* (שלום).

**Old Testament:** *Shalom* (שלום): “completeness, soundness welfare, peace... welfare, health prosperity ... may it be well ... peace quiet, tranquility, contentment.... Peace, friendship ... peace with God, esp. in covt. relation: Isa. 54:10 ... Isa. 53:5...” [BDB, “שלום”]

**New Testament:** *eirēnē*: (εἰρήνη) “well-being that comes from God ... Unlike the Greek *eirēnē* the Hebrew *shalom* is the opposite not so much of war as of any disturbance in the communal well-being of the nation.... Hence in the LXX *eirēnē* too acquires the sense of general well-being, the source and giver of which is *Yahweh* along... well-being in the widest sense of the word (Jdg.19:20);...”<sup>3</sup> Jud. 6:24- One of God’s names is Jehovah-*shalom*.

Peace: not just peace of soul, but also social harmony among the people of God, especially where diversity exists like in the Roman Church of Jews and Gentiles.<sup>4</sup> Eph. 4:3<sup>5</sup>

Note also: The God of Hope, Rom. 15:13, is also the God of Peace, Rom. 15:33

### Connection between Trust and Peace ... *as you trust in him*

Trust: Who is carrying the burdens of my life?

Isa. 26:3 Perfect Peace in Hebrew is (שלום, *shalom shalom*)!

Psa. 16:8 *I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

1 Pet. 5:7 Casting my cares upon Him

Phil. 4:6-7 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything ... PROMISE!*

*Shalom* doesn’t come from circumstances.

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<sup>3</sup> prosperity (Psa. 73:35) ... bodily health (Isa. 57:18; Ps. 38:3); contentedness, on departure (Gen. 26:29), ongoing to sleep (Psa. 4:8), and at death (Gen. 15:115) good relations between nations and men (1 Kgs. 5:26; Jdg.4:17; 1 Chr. 12:17.18); Salvation (Isa. 43:7; Jer. 29:11; cf. Jer. 14:13) .... found at the climax of the blessing in Jdg. 6:24ff., where it sums up all the other blessings and where it is closely associated with the presence of Yahweh.... *Shalom* is ultimately the gift of Yahweh (1 Chr. 22:9; particularly a theme of the prophets (Isa. 9:7; 26:12; 48:18; 52:7; 54:10, 13; 53:5; 55:12; 57:2; 60:17; Jer. 6:13-14; 8:11; 23:17; 33:6,9; Ezek. 34:25; 37:26; Mic. 5:4[5]; Nah. 2:1[1:15]; Hagg. 2:9; Zech. 6:13; 8:10ff.,9:10; Mal. 2:5f.... Psalms: 4:8; 29[Hebrew: 28]:10; 34:15[33:14]; 35[34]:27; 37[36]:11; 55[54]:18; 73[72]:3; 85[84]:8; 119[118]:165; 122[121]:6; 125[124]:5; 147:14... Prov. 3:2; 7,23 and Job 5:24; 15:21; 25:2.” *NIDNTT*, Colin Brown, Vol.2, 777. See also *TDNT*, Kittel, vol.2, 402ff.

<sup>4</sup> 1 Cor. 14:33- peace and not disorder; Acts 7:26 (καὶ συνήλλασεν αὐτοὺς εἰς εἰρήνην εἰπὼν ἄνδρες, ἀδελφοί, *synēllassen autous eis eirēnēn eipōn andres adelphoi*) “reconcile them so that they would be peaceful.” [BDAG, “συναλλασσω.”].

<sup>5</sup> Acts 7:26; Gal. 5:22; Jas. 3:18; in a negative sense Matt. 10:34, *I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.*

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## **IV. Conclusion**

### **1. Summary**

Rom. 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Trusting the God of Hope

- Trust means placing my confidence in character, ability, strength, or truth of God
- Grow in Trust by growing in our Knowledge of Him (Word, Spirit, Obedience/Faith)
- Placing our confidence in His Person, Purposes, Promises

Trusting the God of Hope gives us Joy

- Joy: *the emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying*
- The Joy of the Lord is our Strength, Neh. 8:10
- Joy that God gives is not based on circumstance; based on our relationship with Him which gives us access to His Presence, Psa. 16:11
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Trusting the God of Hope give us Peace

Peace שְׁלוֹמִ (shalom): completeness, soundness welfare, peace, wholeness. In/Out: soul, social

Promises: Phil 4:6-7 The Peace of God will guard our hearts & minds-Cast Care son Him in Prayer

### **2. Application:**

- What are you carrying that you need to put on deposit with God? Burden, Wound, Pain, GPA, Career, Job.
- Some of us don't realize we are carrying these burdens
- Some of are not sure we want to trust God with our most valuable treasures. We don't trust what he will do with them. Who is the God you know? What do you fear? What am I really afraid of?

Prov. 3:5-6

### **3. Closing**

Jer. 17:5-8      **Which Person will I be?**