

# FOUNDATIONS IN Romans

## Romans 15-16

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Alta Vista Baptist Church



*"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13*

### 1) The Cure for " \_\_\_\_\_ " (vs. 15:1-33)

Love | Serve | Build Unity | Pray

"May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus! So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it!" – Romans 15:5-7 (MSG)

**\*ENCOURAGEMENT: verse 13\***

### 2) \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16:1-24)

Jesus did this so often!

"Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them." – Matthew 19:13-15  
(John 4:1-27, Mark 5:25-34)

**\*ENCOURAGEMENT: verse 24** *"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. Amen."\**

### 3) The Christian's \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16:25-27)

You are God's masterpiece!

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." – Ephesians 2:8-10

Our Greatest Work.

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" – Psalm 96:3

**\*ENCOURAGEMENT: verse 27\***

*"And I know I don't deserve this kind of love. Somehow this kind of love is who You are. It's a grace I could never add up, to be somebody You still want. Somehow, You love me as You find me." – As You Find Me (Hillsong)*



#### DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

**Q1:** What is the worst "Dad Joke" you have ever heard?

**Q2:** In what ways, while being motivated by Christ's example, are you already serving others rather than pleasing yourself?

**Q3:** What specific hope does Paul seem to have in mind in verse 13? It is a hope that you share?

**Q4:** Consider how Paul loved, knew and worked with so many fellow Christians. What does this teach us about the Christian life?

**Q5:** Real Romans 16:17-20. Would Paul issue these same warnings today? Why? What else would Paul warn us about today?

**Q6:** Read Romans 16:25-27. What strikes you most about Paul's doxology?

**Q7:** An exercise: Bring to mind 10 of your closest friends/coworkers/family, following Paul's example, write a short summary of what you appreciate about them the most.

**Q8:** Looking back at our study through Romans, what is the one truth, or most important thing that God has reminded or taught you?