



# Christian Relationship and Hope

## Romans 15:1-6 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup>We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. <sup>3</sup>For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." <sup>4</sup>For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup>Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Introduction

The Bible tells us about Christian (Biblical) Hope:

**- Exclusively for those who are in Christ Jesus**

## Ephesians 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup>that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

**- Faith and Hope are closely related.**

## 1 Peter 1:21

who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**- Our Hope is characterized by confidence.**

## Hebrews 6:19

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

## Psalms 71:5

For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth.

**- Our Hope perseveres with endurance, waiting for its fulfilment.**

## Romans 5:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

## Romans 8:24-25

<sup>24</sup>For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

## Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

**- Our Hope anticipates changes for the Lord (as not to be ashamed).**

## Philippians 1:20-21

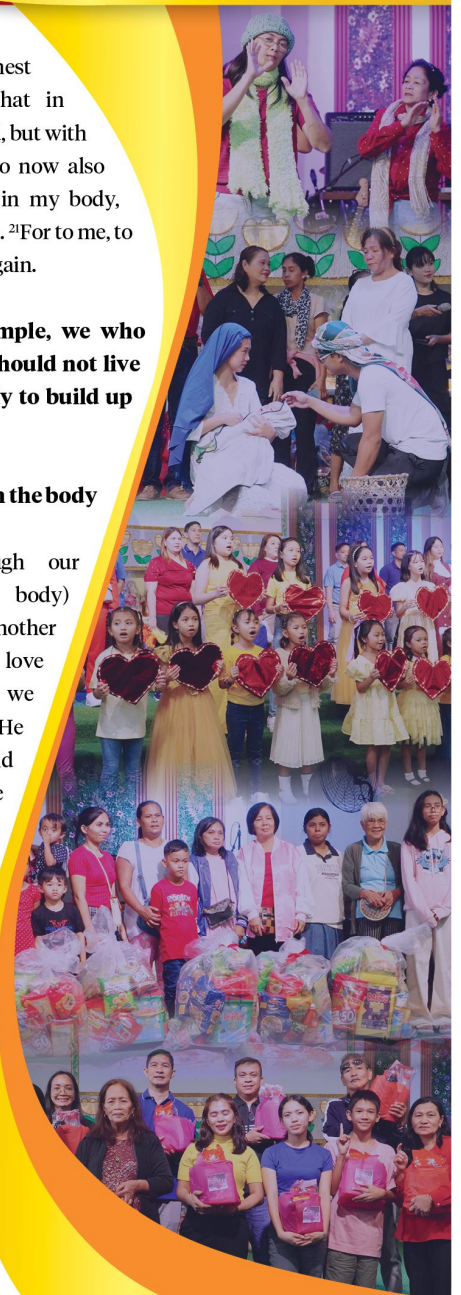
<sup>20</sup>according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**Following Christ's example, we who are strong in the Lord should not live selfishly, but sacrificially to build up others.**

**A. Godly relationships in the body of Christ**

To glorify God through our relationships (in the body) means to treat one another with such uncommon love and consideration that we make God look good as He truly is. Unbelievers should observe how we love one another and marvel, "How can they do this?" Our answer is, "God has changed our hearts from being selfish to being concerned for the good of others. Because of His love in our hearts, we now gladly lay down our rights to help our brothers and sisters in Christ." So, God gets the glory.

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UCF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

## Pagdiriwang bilang isang pamilya

Ang Kapaskuhan ang isa sa higit na kinasasabikang selebrasyon sa buong taon. Ngunit ang tunay na dahilan ng pagdiriwang na ito ay hindi dapat malimutan—ang pagkasilang ng ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas na si Hesu Kristo, ang pinakamagandang regalo ng Diyos Ama sa sanlibutan.

Sa pusong nagnanais parangalan ang Diyos, ang buong pamilya ng UCF ay nagtipon para sa *Christmas Celebration* na idinaos sa Mt. Tabor Church Recreation Center noong Disyembre 22, Linggo. Bukod sa samu't saring mga presentasyon na nagbibigay luwalhati sa ating Panginoon, nakatanggap din ang ilan ng mga *raffle prize*, at maging bigas at *grocery pack* bilang bahagi ng Pamaskong Handog. Ang lahat din ay masayang nagsalo-salo sa masasarap na handa.

Tunay na ang pagmamahal ng Diyos na ating naranasan ang siya ring ating naipapadama sa mga taong nakapaligid sa atin. Purihin ang Diyos sa mapagpalang selebrasyong ito.



## Praise and Worship

Papuri at pagsamba ay taos pusong itinaas ng lahat sa Diyos. Ang bawat isa ay puno rin ng pasasalamat para sa ginawa ng Diyos sa buhay ng Kaniyang mga anak at panambahang Kaniyang tinawag.



Sa pamamagitan ng pag-awit at pagpalakpak ay ipinapahayag ng bawat isa ang kanilang papuri at pagsamba sa ating Diyos.

Hebrews 10:23  
(NKJV)

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.



## Presentations

Ipinamalas naman ng mga *fellowship group*, mga estudyante at magulang ng UCA at mga miyembro ng iba't ibang *Home Bible Church* ang kanilang talento sa pagsayaw, pagkanta at pagarte sa pamamagitan ng mga espesiyal na pagtatanghal upang dakilain ang Panginoon.



Kasama ang kanilang mga magulang, ang mga estudyante ng UCA ay buong siglang sumayaw at umawit para sa Panginoon.



Ang bawat isa ay nalulugod na maging kabahagi ng mga presentasyong ito na nagdiriwang ng diwa ng Pasko—si Hesu Kristo.

Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31:24  
(NKJV)





*Suot at dala ang kani-kanilang makukulay na props at costume, isang pamilya silang umawit at sumayaw bilang kanilang pasasalamat kay Hesus.*



*Kanilang binigyang buhay ang kuwento ng pagsasakatuparan ng pangakong si Hesus ang Siyang daan, buhay at katotohanan.*



*Hangarin ng mga presentasyon na mabigyang parangal ang ating Panginoong Hesus na Siyang tunay na diwa ng kapaskuhan.*

1 Peter 3:15  
(NKJV)

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*



## Raffle

Isa sa mga kinasasabikang bahagi ng programa ay ang pamimigay ng mga regalo at food pack sa raffle. Iba't ibang mga biyaya ang handog ng UCF para sa bawat isang dumalo sa selebrasyong ito.



Matatamis na ngiti ang makikita sa mukha ng bawat isang nanalo ng mga regalo at food package mula sa pamilya ng UCF.



Sa kanilang pag-uwi ay baon nila hindi lamang ang mga masasayang alaala at karanasan, bagkus ay may iuwi rin silang samu't saring mga regalo.

## Pamaskong Handog

Sa patuloy na pagpapala sa atin ng Diyos bilang isang panambahan, tayo rin ay nagiging instrumento ng Panginoon upang maging pagpapala rin sa iba. Dahil dito, sinuyod ng mga manggagawa ang mga karatig na lugar ng Mt. Tabor upang hanapin ang mga pamilyang maipagpapala.



Tunay na ang kapaskuhan ay ang panahon ng pagbibigayan sapagkat isa itong paalala na minsan ding binigay ng Diyos ang Kaniyang bugtong na Anak dahil sa Kaniyang wagas na pagmamahal para sa atin.



Sinasabi sa Salita ng Diyos na higit na pinagpapala ang nagbibigay kaysa sa tumatanggap. Kaya naman, ginagamit ng UCF ang mga pribilehiyong ito upang abutin ang ilang pamilya at sila ay pagpalain.

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27  
(NKJV)



## Photobooth

Bilang pag-alala sa isang espesiyal na araw ng pasko, ang ilan sa mga nagsipagdalo ay nagpunta sa *photobooth* upang magpakuha ng litrato kasama ang kanilang pamilya at mahal sa buhay.



Ang pagdiriwang na ito ay naging daan upang ang mga mahal sa buhay ng ating kapatiran ay mataniman ng Salita ng Diyos.



Higit sa mga litrato na ito ay ang pag-alala na si Hesus ang dahilan ng pagdiriwang ng kapaskuhan kasama ang ating pamilya.



Ephesians 1:18  
(NKJV)

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.



# Lunch Fellowship

Bahagi na ng selebrasyon ng UCF ang paghahanda ng masasarap na mga putahe. Kaya naman masaganang kumain ang bawat isa kasama ang ating mga kapatid sa Panginoon at mga bisita.



Malugod na binati ng kapatiran ang mga nagsipagdalo at sila rin ay nagbahagi ng kabutihan ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay.

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 15:13 (NKJV)



## Christian...

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On the contrary, if we damage our relationships with others in the body of Christ, we damage the body of Christ. When we are unloving toward those for whom Christ died, we become tools of the enemy to (kill, steal, and destroy) the works of God. So, God does not get the glory that He deserves.

### B. Godly relationships esteem others better than himself.

#### Philippians 2:3-4

<sup>3</sup>Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

#### Romans 13:8-10

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

#### Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

### - The strong bears the weaknesses of the weak.

This statement acknowledges that there are differences among members in the body of Christ. Some are strong; some are weak. Also, we have different ages, different genders, different races, different family backgrounds, different life experiences, and different spiritual gifts and natural abilities. All those factors mean that healthy relationships do not just happen by accident. We must work them out and learn to understand one another and accept one another.

"Bear" does not mean "bear with," in the sense of "put up with," while you roll your eyes and think demeaning things about the weaker person. Rather, it means to carry or support, much as an older brother might pick up his younger brother who is too tired to walk any farther. Paul uses the word in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." Just three verses later (6:5) he balances this by saying, "For each one will bear his own load." The idea is, we are to help the weak with things that are beyond their ability to bear alone, but we are not to do for them things that they can do for themselves.

### - Jesus Christ is our greatest example.

If Jesus had lived to please Himself, He wouldn't have submitted to the cross, with its horrible insults, pain, and separation from the Father. He did it for God's glory and out of love for you and me.

#### Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the

cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Since Jesus was willing to bear for your salvation, shouldn't you be willing to give up your rights to help your weaker brother or sister? Isn't it worth denying your selfishness to help others grow in their walk with Christ?

### Conclusion

#### 1 Peter 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The reason why we pursue unity and healthy relationships with the body is because He has begotten us again (born again) to a living hope.

## SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.



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