1. **Romans 15:7-13**

* For what purpose did Christ become a “minister of the circumcised”?
* For what purpose did Christ become a minister of the “Gentiles”?
* **Psalm 18:1-51**
* What verse from this **Psalm** appears to be used by Paul in **Romans 15:9**?
* How might this **Psalm** “show God’s truthfulness”?
* **Psalm 117:1-2**
* This **Psalm** is the shortest in the Bible, what does it say to you and why do you think Paul chose to quote it here in **Romans 15:11**?
* **Isaiah 11:10-13**
* What are these passages about in **Isaiah**?
* What point do you believe Paul is trying to make in **Romans** by using them?
* **St. Chrysostom** (347 – 407 A.D.) *Homilies on Romans 28*

“But what he means is this. Those of the Jews would have had promises, even though they were unworthy. But thou hadst not this even, but was saved from love towards man alone, even if, to put it at the lowest, they too would not have been the better for the promises, unless Christ had come. But yet that he might temper them and not allow them to rise up against the weak, he makes mention of the promises. But of these he says that it was by mercy alone that they were saved. Hence they are the most bound to glorify God. And a glory it is to God that they be blended together, be united, praise with one mind, bear the weaker, neglect not the member that is broken off. Then he adds testimonies, in which he shows that the man of the Jews ought to blend himself with those of the Gentiles; and so he says, "As it is written, For this cause I will confess to Thee among the Gentiles, O Lord, and will sing unto Thy Name.", "And, rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles", "and let all people laud Him.", "And, There shall be a root of Jesse, and He that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him shall the Gentiles trust." Now all these quotations he has given to show that we ought to be united, and to glorify God; and also, to humble the Jew, that he may not lift himself up over these, since all the prophets called these, as well as to persuade the man of the Gentiles to be lowly, by showing him that he had a larger grace to answer for. Then he concludes his argument with a prayer again.

* Please share a thought or two that came to mind during today’s study.