**First, The Hope of the Gentiles (11)**

1. **(11)** Ps. 117:1—"*Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples*!” = In Nutshell = ***Point*** of Whole Bible
	1. This ***How*** Ends = ***Vision*** = God ***Gives Us*** = In Revelation ***Vast*** Multi-Ethnic Crowd = Gathered Before Him
	2. Rev 14:6—“*Eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation & tribe & language and people* (Rev. 5:9) “*ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation”*
2. ***This*** End ***Result*** In Rev =***Certain*** Accomplishment ***of God’s*** Eternal ***Purpose*** = All Peoples ***Will Praise*** Him
	1. Hab. 2:14—"*Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea*
	2. ***All*** Peoples ***Praise*** His Glory = ***Purpose*** Of ***Creation***—Its Why ***We Exist*** = ***All*** Peoples ***Praise Him***
3. Before ***Abe*** = No ***Such*** ***Thing*** ***As*** Jew & Gentile = ***Just*** People = ***At Time*** God ***Called*** Abe = ***Just*** Gentile ***Pagan***
	1. God ***Called*** Abe ***OUT*** of World = ***In Order*** To Bring ***Salvation*** *TO* World = ***Thru*** Abe & Israel = ***Savior***
	2. Gen. 12:2-3—“I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing…*In you all the families* ***of the earth*** *shall be blessed*" = Blessed ***To Be*** A Blessing ***To All Families =*** Nations***—All*** Peoples
	3. Isa 49:6—"*It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as* ***a light*** *for the nations,* ***that my salvation*** *may reach to the end of the earth*” =This ***God’s*** Promise & Plan = ***Bless*** Nations—***Ends*** of Earth ***W/ Salvation***
	4. Rom 10:12-13—*There is no distinction between Jew & Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord* ***will be saved”***
	5. ***Israel*** Never ***End*** In Itself = ***But*** God’s ***Chosen*** Vehicle = ***To Bring*** Salvation ***To Ends*** of Earth = ***All*** Peoples
	6. ***Jesus Is*** Only ***Messiah*** = Son ***Of Abe*** = Blessing ***Nations*** = ***Hope*** of Jew & Gentile ***Alike*** = Hope ***of World***
4. ***So*** NT Church ***Fulfills*** God’s ***Purpose*** = Gathering ***of All Peoples*** = Jews & Gentiles =***To*** Praise & Glory ***of God***

**Second, Christ, Servant of Jews (8-9)**

1. **(7)** “*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God*” = Glory—***Praise*** of All Peoples
	1. Xpians ***Must*** Welcome ***All*** Other ***True*** Xpians =***Even If*** Culturally—Traditionally ***Different***—Theologically
	2. Church = ***Big Tent*** For God’s ***Glory*** =Room ***For Nations***= Bec/ ***God*** Intends ***For All*** Peoples ***To Praise Him***
2. ***Racism*** = Great ***Evil*** = God’s ***Intention*** = For Global ***Inclusive*** People of God = ***All*** of Peoples ***Joined*** W/ Israel
	1. Col 3:11—"*Here* [**In Christ**] *there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, & in all*—In Xp ***Every*** Ethnic—National—Tribal ***Division*** Abolished
	2. ***Should*** Resist ***CRT*** In Schools & Institutions = Creating ***Division*** = Perpetuating ***Racism*** =PTA—Sch Board
3. **(8)** ***For*** I Tell ***You*** = Christ Jesus = ***Messiah*** = Son ***Of God***—God ***The Son*** = Became ***Servant*** To Jews = ***Why***?
	1. **(8-9)** Paul Gives 2 Reasons = First **(8)** ***To*** Show—Manifest ***God’s*** Truthfulness & Faithfulness To Israel
	2. **(9)** & In Order That—***So That*** = Gentiles ***Come*** To Glorify ***God*** For His Mercy = ***So*** All Peoples ***Praise Him***
4. ***So*** First = ***Shows*** God’s ***Truthfulness*** = Confirms ***His Promises*** To Patriarchs =***Faithful*** To Covenant ***W/ Israel***
	1. 2 Cor. 1:20—"*For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory*.” = ***In Xp*** God ***Fulfills*** = Covenant ***Promises*** To Israel = ***For His Glory***
5. But = Covenants & Promises = Not ***End*** In Selves = ***Means*** By Which ***God*** Bring ***Salvation*** To All People
	1. ***God*** Not ***Send*** Son ***Bec***/ Loved ***Israel*** = ***God*** So Loved ***World*** = Sent ***Only*** Son = ***So That*** = Whosoever!
	2. ***Whosoever*** = Jew Or Gentile = ***All Peoples*** Might ***Believe*** 🡪 Abe ***Blessed*** = As Means = ***To Ends*** of Earth
6. As Phil. 2:7-11 Says It—“*Emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant…he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at* ***the name of Jesus*** *every knee should* ***bow****, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue* ***confess*** *that Jesus Christ is Lord, to* ***the glory of God the Father****.*” = To ***Glory*** To God = Every ***Knee*** = Jew & Gentile = ***Every*** Tongue & Nation = ***Praise Him*** !

**Third, For Sake of All Nations (9-12)**

1. Jesus = ***Servant*** of Israel ***For Sake*** of the Nations = ***So That*** Gentiles ***Might*** Glorify ***God*** For His Mercy
	1. No ***Covenant*** W/ Gentiles = Many ***Prophecies*** = But No ***Covenant*** = No ***Expectation*** = Salvation ***= Mercy***
2. Paul ***Gives*** 4 Quotes ***From*** Every ***Part*** of OT = ***Law***—Prophets—***Writings*** = To Enforce ***God’s*** Clear ***Purpose***
	1. ***To Include*** Nations—All Peoples ***As Part*** of Worshipping ***Community*** = Global ***Inclusive*** People Of God
	2. ***All*** 4 Verses ***Refer*** To Gentiles = ***All*** Non-Jewish ***Human*** Beings = ***Praising*** God ***Along*** W/ Israel
3. **(9)** Ps ***of David*** 18:49 🡪 2 Sam 22:50—"*I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name*”
	1. **(10)** Moses ***Invites*** All Nations To Join In Worship = Deut 32:43—"*Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people*."
	2. **(11)** Ps 117:1—"*Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him”* = Creation’s ***Purpose***
	3. **(12)** Is 11:10—"*Root of Jesse will come, even he who* ***arises*** *to rule the Gentiles; in him will the* ***Gentiles hope****”* = God’s ***Revealed*** Plan = ***Son of David*** = Arise = ***Ruler*** of All Nations = **As Hope** of All People
4. Do You See = ***Implications*** Of This = ***Unity*** In Church = ***Despite*** Wide ***Diversity*** of Peoples & Traditions??

**Finally, The God Of Hope For All Peoples (13)**

1. ***Once Again*** Prayer ***Flows*** Naturally ***From*** Paul’s ***Heart*** 🡪 Final ***Words*** of Isa Prophecy = ***Hope*** of Gentiles
	1. ***What*** Prophesied & Taught = ***Paul*** Asks ***God*** To Do It = ***He Is*** God ***Of Hope*** = God ***of All*** The Graces
	2. May ***He Fill*** His Church ***W/ All*** Joy & Peace = ***In Believing*** = By Power ***of HS*** = Hearts ***Abound*** W/ Hope
	3. **(14:17)**—“*The kingdom of God is…a matter of…peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” =* ***Adds***Faith & Hope
	4. ***May*** God ***Fill*** Whosoever ***Believes*** = Jew—Gentile—Male—Female—Black—White = ***Joy***—Peace—Hope
	5. ***May*** Father ***Manifest*** Realities ***of His*** Kingdom = ***So*** All Of Us ***Together*** May Abound ***In Hope*** of Mercy
2. ***Our Shared*** Hope—***Shared*** Submission ***To King*** Jesus = ***Overrules*** Minor ***Differences*** = Creates ***Unity***
	1. Spurgeon—“*It points to the true remedy for religious controversy. Fill the contending parties with a fuller spiritual life, and the ground of their differences will begin to dwindle, and look very contemptible. When the tide rises, the little pools on the rocks are all merged into one*” = Swallowed ***By Greater*** Unity
	2. Where ***There Is*** High ***Tide of*** Joy***—***Peace***—***Hope ***In Believing =*** By Power ***of HS*** = Differences ***Diminish***
3. **(12)** ***My Friends*** = Jesus = ***Hope*** of All People = ***Hope*** For Our Community= People ***Desperately*** Need ***Hope***
	1. Eph. 2:12—***Describes*** All People ***W/ Out*** Jesus ***=*** “*Having no hope and without God in the world*”
4. We Live ***In World*** Discovering—Manifesting ***The Truth*** = To Be ***W/ Out*** God ***In World*** = To Be ***W/ Out*** Hope
	1. Been ***Plagued*** By Pandemic 🡪 ***Politically*** = Polarized 🡪 ***Growing*** Racial ***Tension***
	2. Sexual = ***Confusion*** 🡪 Gender = ***Becoming Blurred*** 🡪 Economically = ***Fighting*** Inflation & Recession
	3. There Is ***War*** In Europe—Threat ***of Nuclear Conflict*** 🡪 IOW = ***World*** = As Hopeless ***Always*** Been
	4. *“Having no hope and without God in the world*” = ***But*** You & I = ***Serve*** God of Hope = ***Hope*** Dealers
	5. ***We*** of All People = ***Have*** Good News = ***A Gospel*** of Peace & Hope = Life ***Saving***—Life ***Changing*** Savior
5. ***If*** Someone ***Were*** To Ask Me = ***Why*** Are You ***Attempting*** To Build = ***When*** So Much ***Uncertainty***
	1. ***Answer*** = Bec/ ***When*** Going ***Gets*** Tough = ***Church*** Gets ***Going*** = Crisis ***Moments*** = Gospel ***Moments***
	2. Opportunity ***Knocking*** = God ***At Work*** = Building ***His Church*** @ Gates ***of Hell*** = Hope ***Abounds***
	3. ***Church*** Growing= ***Work*** To Do = ***Seek 1st*** Kingdom ***of God*** =Walk ***In Faith*** & Not ***By Sight*** =See ***Hand of***
	4. ***Our Vision*** For HPC ***To Be*** Growing ***Point*** Of Light = ***At Center*** Of Growing ***Community***= Beacon ***Of*** ***Hope***
6. ***Now*** As ***Ever*** = Jesus = ***Hope*** of Nations—***Our*** Nation = ***Hope*** Of This Community = ***God*** Called Us ***To Shine***
	1. Phil. 2:14-16—"*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine* ***as lights in the world****, holding fast to the word of life*” = ***Less*** Grumbling & Disputing = ***More*** Light
	2. ***In Midst of*** Crooked & Twisted ***Generation*** = What ***Are We*** Going ***To Do***? = Hunker ***Down*** In Fear?
	3. Or ***Will*** The Church ***Rise Up*** = Shine ***Like*** Light ***In Darkness*** = Holding Out ***Hope*** of Gospel ***To All Peoples***
7. ***Jesus*** = Not ***Wait*** Until ***Ideal*** Worldly ***Conditions*** To Build ***His Church*** = Often ***When*** Things ***At Their Worst***
	1. ***If We*** HPC—You & I ***Seek 1st*** = Kingdom of God 🡪 ***His Promise*** = Everything ***Else*** Will Be ***Added*** To Us
8. May ***We Be*** Filled ***W/ All*** Joy & Peace ***In Believing***—By Power ***of the HS*** = So That ***We May*** Overflow ***Hope***
9. ***While*** World = ***W/ Out*** God & ***W/ Out*** Hope ***Spirals*** Into ***Darkness***—Into ***Confusion***—Into ***Fear***
	1. ***Inviting*** Church = ***To Rise Up*** = Expand ***Our Capacity*** To Bring ***Hope*** To All People = ***For Next*** Generation