

# Love Came Down ... To Bring Us Together

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## Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-13

## Featured Verses

And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
He will delight in obeying the Lord.  
He will not judge by appearance  
nor make a decision based on hearsay.  
He will give justice to the poor  
and make fair decisions for the exploited.  
The earth will shake at the force of his word,  
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.  
He will wear righteousness like a belt  
and truth like an undergarment. -- Isaiah 11:2-5 (New Living Translation)

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them.

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 15:5-7, 13 (NLT)

## Discussion Questions

1. How does the way that God has accepted you impact how you should treat others?
2. What hope can the church bring to the world that no other organization can bring?
3. What is the most challenging idea in this message for you? What most inspired you?

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