

## Romans 15:1-13

In vv 1-2 Paul concludes the unifying idea of ch. 14...

The more mature are to yield to the less to keep peace in the family

And here is Paul's last great principle of unity... "Be like Jesus" His example is mentioned 5x

15 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of

"his...his..." think of others first

us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. <sup>3</sup> For

even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The

<sup>v3</sup> To support his argument he quotes the psalmist's prophecy of Jesus

reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." <sup>4</sup> For

whatever was written in earlier times was written for our

<sup>v4</sup> and says that these prophecies of Jesus encourage and instruct us and grant us hope to press on

instruction, so that through perseverance and the

encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> Now

may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant

you to be of the same mind with one another according to

Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that with one accord you may with one voice

glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us

to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I say that Christ has become a servant

to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the

promises given to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and for the Gentiles to glorify

God for His mercy; as it is written,

and in v8 he explains Christ's acceptance of both Jews AND Greeks... the Servant of all...

"THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES,

AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME."

<sup>10</sup> Again he says,

"REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE."

and then Paul underscores Christ's acceptance with quotes from

v9 David

v10 Moses

v11 the Egyptian Hallel of Ps. 113-118

v12 and Isaiah

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<sup>11</sup> And again,

"PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES,

AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM."

<sup>12</sup> Again Isaiah says,

"THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE,

AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES,

IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE."

v. 13  
and Paul ends his  
exhortation  
with a closing  
prayer for  
unity.

<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in

believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the

Holy Spirit.

in believing His  
word and promises  
we have an example  
and accompanying  
power to continue on.

### Life Group Application Questions