

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

⁷ Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted to you to the glory of God. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written,

“THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES,
AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME.”

¹⁰ Again he says,

“REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE.”

¹¹ And again,

“PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES,
AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM.”

¹² And 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.”

¹³ 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 15:1-6)

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Romans 14:1-15:13

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A. The Central Exhortation

- treat one another as brothers and sisters in Christ; do not despise or condemn each other
- glorifying God is both the aim and the result of our accepting one another

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B. Gospel Reasons/Motivations

1. Christ has accepted you

- you have been accepted by the *undeserved* mercy of God in Christ
- your fellow-believer has been accepted by Christ; *who are you to reject him?!*

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B. Gospel Reasons/Motivations

1. Christ has accepted you
2. Christ has acted to bring salvation to both Jews and Gentiles in fulfillment of Scripture

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1. To confirm God's promises to the patriarchs
 - Christ came in fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham – the "seed" (Gal. 3:16)
 - this served to show God's faithfulness to His word

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2. For the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy
 - the Gentiles (nations) are included in God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 22:18)
 - Paul emphasizes God's *mercy* to the Gentiles – completely undeserved and unmerited
 - the ultimate aim of our salvation is to *glorify God* for His mercy

Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:1-2:22