

Romans Refresh

Renewing Gospel-Centrality

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Romans 14:1-15:13

- A division among the “strong” and “weak” over diet and observing sacred days

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¹ Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not *just* please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written,

“THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL UPON ME.”

⁴ For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

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⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us 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,

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“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 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.”

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¹³ 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.

(Romans 15:1-13)

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Romans 15:1-13

1. Please your neighbor, not yourself

- be willing to forgo your freedoms, rights and conveniences for the sake of others
- prioritize doing spiritual good to fellow-members of the body
- our example is Christ – in His humiliation, He did not seek His own comfort but our good

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Romans 15:1-13

2. Be of the same mind in Christ

- pursue gospel unity – be united in our common devotion to Christ and our desire to obey Him
- the ultimate aim of our unity is to display and declare the worth and greatness of God

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Romans 15:1-13

3. Accept one another to the glory of God

- we have been “accepted” by Christ through God’s undeserved mercy
- this acceptance includes Gentiles! – Jew and Gentile in one body in Christ

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Romans 15:1-13

- Our unity as a church is central to God’s purpose in the gospel for the display of His glory!

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