

Romans 15 (Part 1) :1-16 Study Notes • Jesus Our Hope and Example

Note: This passage continues the idea of Christian unity in the church. It goes above and beyond the last passage. The last passage was mostly negative things about how we are NOT to judge, NOT to hurt, and NOT to offend our brothers. However, there is so much more to Christian fellowship than merely refraining from offending others or judging them. We should instead actively be pursuing the well being of others. We should think about how we can help others to grow. We should bear with the weak. We should be patient towards them. Our goal should not be to serve or please ourselves. We want to serve and please the weak or those whom we consider to be weak. If they have difficulties or struggles we shouldn't condemn them, look down on them, reject them, or be scornful of them. Instead we should consider how we can help them to grow in the Lord. That should be our primary concern and motivation.

Read Romans 15: 1-6

What it says:

v3-4 What two things are mentioned that can help give us guidance as to HOW to please and build up our neighbor?

v6 What is the purpose for being unified?

v7 To what degree are we to accept one another?

v14-16 What is Paul saying in these verses?

What it means:

v2 Who is our "neighbor"?

v2 What does it mean to "please" our neighbor?

v2 Did Christ have the RIGHT to please Himself? Do we?

v4 What is Paul talking about, when he mentions what was "written in former days"?

v6 What does being united look like?

v7 How does Christ "welcome us" into His family?

v9-12 What is the POINT of **verses 9 thru 12**?

v14-16 Why do you think Paul started out this section by acknowledging the maturity of the Romans?

What it means to me:

v1 How can we bear other's weaknesses?

v1 What one word can be used instead of the phrase "please ourselves"? (don't be selfish)

v6 What can YOU do as an individual to bring more unity in the Body of Christ?

v14-16 Why is repetition important in our study of the Word?