

Romans 15:1-13 **Servant's Heart – Following Jesus**

The Strong help the Weak

1 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

Example of Christ

3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

Instruction of Scripture

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Enablement from God

5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Following Christ's example – Benefit to Jews And Gentiles

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written:

"For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."
[2 Samuel 22:50, Psalm 18:49]

10 And again he says:

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" [Deuteronomy 43:32]

11 And again:

"Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" [Psalm 117:1]

12 And again, Isaiah says:

"There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." [Isaiah 11:10]

Blessing

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.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✠ Believers who are strong must be considerate toward the conscience of the weak so as not to destroy, but to edify.
- ✠ Jesus set the example when He took on Himself the sins of the world.

- ✚ Scriptures were written for our guidance, comfort, and hope.
 - ✦ Knowing the final outcome strengthens us for what we may encounter as it did for Jesus.
[\[Hebrews 12:2\]](#)
- ✚ God is the One Who can enable us to be in unity of mind that we might glorify God together.
- ✚ Jesus became a servant to the Jews for the truth of God to confirm the promises to the fathers.
 - ✦ The purpose was that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy.
 - ✦ We can see the love God has for the Gentiles in Scripture, a sample of them were referenced by Paul when he said, "As it is written:"

"For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."
[\[Romans 15:9, 2 Samuel 22:50, Psalm 18:49\]](#)

And again he says:

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" [\[Romans 15:10, Deuteronomy 43:32\]](#)

And again:

"Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" [\[Romans 15:11, Psalm 117:1\]](#)

And again, Isaiah says:

"There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." [\[Romans 15:12, Isaiah 11:10\]](#)

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