

The Gospel of God

*Studies in the Epistle of Paul
to the Romans*

Glorifying God

Romans 15:1-13

Lesson 20

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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Romans

1. Doctrine – Romans 1-8
2. Correlation – Romans 9-11
3. Practical Application – Romans 12-16

Practical Application

Romans 12-16

1. Introduction (12:1-2)
2. In the Body of Christ (12:3-21)
3. In political and social life (13:1-14)
4. As a servant-brother (14:1-23)
5. Conclusion (15:1-13)

Practical Application

▶ In the body of Christ (12:3-20)

- Humility – ministering to one another
- Love – Genuine love
- Hope – God will avenge

▶ In political and social life (13:1-14)

- Submission – subject to governing authorities
- Love – the debt of love – love your neighbor as yourself
- Hope – the day is at hand

▶ As a servant-brother (14:1-23)

- Serving God and your Christian brother
- Walking in love
- Anticipating the Kingdom of God

Conclusion (15:1-13)

1. Christ did not please Himself (15:1-6)
 - a. Command (15:1-2)
 - b. Example of Christ (15:3-4)
 - c. Prayer – glorify God (15:5-6)
2. Christ received us (15:7-13)
 - a. Command (15:7)
 - b. Example of Christ (15:8-12)
 - c. Prayer – abound in hope (15:13)

Practical Application

▶ Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

▶ Romans 15:5-6

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

▶ Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Christ did not please Himself (15:1-6)

▶ The duty of the strong (15:1-2)

Who is strong?

- “We” and Paul
- Romans 12:1-2

Endure the failings of the weak

Not please ourselves

- Please neighbor for his good – edification

An exception – violation of God’s Word

- Romans 16:17-18

Christ did not please Himself (15:1-6)

▶ The example of Christ (15:3-4)

Christ did not please Himself

Psalm 69:9 – Messianic Psalm

- Suffering of Christ predicted – for future victory
- Suffering because of hostility to God (6, 7)
- Reproach (7, 9, 10, 19, 20)
- Entrusted Himself to the Father in hope (13, 30, 35-36)

Scripture – basis for hope

- Word of God realized in life of Christ
- We seek not our personal pleasure but the consummation

Christ did not please Himself (15:1-6)

▶ The prayer (15:5-6)

God of endurance and encouragement

Grant you to live in harmony with one another

Grant you to live in accord with Christ Jesus

Grant unity in glorifying the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ

Christ received us (15:7-13)

▶ The duty of the strong (15:7)

Receive one another

Receive as Christ received you

- By grace
- For glory of God

Christ received us (15:7-13)

▶ The example of Christ (15:8-12)

Christ received us

Christ became a servant to the circumcision

- To show God's truthfulness
- Confirm the promises to the patriarchs
- Enable Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy

How was Christ a Servant to circumcision?

- Seed of Abraham and Son of David
- Fulfill promises to Israel
- Fulfill promises to Gentiles

Christ received us (15:7-13)

- ▶ The testimony of Scripture
 - Psalm 18 (2 Samuel 22)
 - Deuteronomy 32:43
 - Psalm 117:1
 - Isaiah 11:10

Christ received us (15:7-13)

▶ The prayer (15:13)

God of hope

Fill you with all joy and peace in believing

Abundant hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

Glorifying God

- ▶ We are saved for the glory of God
- ▶ We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God
- ▶ Therefore, we present our bodies . . . (12:1-2)