

## **ROMANS 15: 1-7 DON'T PLEASE YOURSELF – BE LIKEMINDED – GLORYIFYING GOD!**

### OBSERVATION

Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email - [philtwente@att.net](mailto:philtwente@att.net) For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column.

### **Be Like-minded in our Attitudes toward one another:**

**Rom 15:1 We then who are strong ought to bear** (take up or carry) **with the scruples** (infirmities, failings) **of the weak, and not to please ourselves.** Strong believers should consider, bear with, those weak in the faith and not be selfish in exercising our own liberty in Christ.

**Rom 15: 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification** Each should treat his neighbor for his neighbor's good in such a way that leads to the edifying of that neighbor.

**Rom 15:3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches (to find fault in a way that demeans the other, revile, mock, heap insults upon, shaming) of those who reproached You fell on Me.”** Christ not only did not please Himself but took all our reproaches on Himself!

**Rom 15: 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.** God has given us the Scriptures for our learning and that through them we may have patience, comfort and hope.

### INTERPRETATION

We believers who are strong in the faith ought to consider those weak in the faith and not commit sin by being selfish in stumbling them. We are to be like-minded in our attitudes toward others. We have a responsibility to bear with the weaknesses of others and not please ourselves. **Gal. 6:1-2;** Don't please or love ourselves. We are to please God. **2 Tim. 3:2; Heb. 11:6; 13:15-16**

So each of us should thoughtfully please his neighbor leading to the edifying, for the good of that neighbor. Conviction-doing what God wants; conscience-no qualms looking back; and consideration-feelings and prejudices of the weak. Find things in others to encourage them. **Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 10:32-11:1; Gal. 1:10; Eph. 4:12-16, 29**

Our Savior was the ultimate in being “others” centered! Not only did He not please Himself, but took all of the “unpleasing, sinful, abominable” things of you and me on Himself. **John 8:29; Phil. 2:5-8; Ps. 69:9; 1 Peter 2:21-24**

The Author of the Word has written it for our learning that we might have hope through the patience and comfort that can be found there. **John 6:45; 1 Cor. 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**

### APPLICATION

If we are strong in the faith, we should not only refrain from causing others to stumble through selfishness, but bear them up through our caring for them and not to please myself.

May my living witness be pleasing to those around me, leading to their good and in a way that builds them up and is an encouragement to them. Let me find something good in all.

Lord, I want to be more “others” centered like You! Not given to pleasing only myself, but pleasing others, even taking their reproach as You strengthen me.

May we be men and women of the Word. May we offer patience, comfort and hope that we find in the Scriptures to others.

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#### The spiritual reason for being like-minded:

**Rom 15: 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward** (think the same thing, to be in agreement, to have the same understanding, to live in harmony) **one another, according to Christ Jesus,**

**Rom 15: 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.** That we may be of one mind and one voice glorifying our LORD, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!!!

#### Be like minded in accepting one another:

**Rom 15:7 Therefore receive** (take to one's self, to extend a welcome, take into one's home or circle of acquaintances) **one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.** So the, the resultant goal is that we are to receive one another in exactly the same way that we were received by Christ.

A patient and comforting God granting us to think alike, with the same understanding as our neighbor, just as Christ would do. **John 13:35, 17:11; Rom. 12:16; Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 1:4; 1 Peter 3:8**

The result then, is that we should be of one mind and one voice in giving God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ all the glory! **1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 2:1-4;**

Again, Christ is the model example, seen here in setting the example for us to take to one's self one another. The standard or principle behind this is "just as Christ also received us to the glory of God." It's not based on my performance, or my worthiness or on my response to Him, but based on my receiving another just as Christ received me! **John 6:37-38, 17:19-26; Eph. 1:6, 4:32**

**"to the glory of God"! -**  
**Joshua 7:19-(confession & repentance);**  
**Ps. 50:23-(praising Him);**  
**Isa.24:15-(patience, worshipping in affliction);**  
**John 15:8-(bearing fruit);**  
**John 21:19-(dying for Him);**  
**Rom. 4:20-(relying on His promises);**  
**Rom. 15:7-(likemindedness, accepting one another);**  
**1 Cor. 10:31-(doing all for Him);**  
**Phil. 1:11-(filled w fruits of righteousness);**  
**2 Thess. 1:12-(glorifying Christ);**  
**1 Pet. 4:11-(faithfulness);**  
**1 Pet. 4:14,16-(suffering for Christ).**

Again, with Christ as the guiding standard, may we be likeminded, thinking alike and having the same understanding, enabled by the Holy Spirit through the guiding of the Word.

May we indeed, with one mind and one voice give God all the glory!!!

May I receive or take to myself others in the same way that I was received by Christ

#### **Be Glorified**

1: In my life Lord  
Be glorified, be glorified  
In my life, Lord  
Be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord  
Be glorified, be glorified  
In Your church, Lord  
Be glorified today.

In my heart, Lord  
Be glorified, be glorified  
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Be glorified today.

In my praise, Lord  
Be glorified, be glorified  
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Do the first four verses of today's study tell us that we are to be like-minded in our attitudes toward one another? How easy do you find it to be likeminded?

In what way are we to please his neighbor? (v.2) How does that compare to Heb. 10:24?

What example of Christ's "others centered" is given in today's verses?

In verse 4, what reasons/benefits are given for the Scriptures being given to us?

In verses 5 & 6, what spiritual reason is being given for being like-minded?