

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

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Think Context!

Romans 15:1-13

- 1 We who are strong have an obligation
to bear with the failings of the weak,
and not to please ourselves.
- 2 Let each of us please his neighbor
for his good,
to build him up.
- 3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written,
“The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.”
- 4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,
that through endurance
and through the encouragement of the Scriptures
we might have hope.
- 5 May the God of endurance
and encouragement
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus,
- 6 that together you may with one voice glorify
the God
and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7 Therefore welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.
- 8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised
to show God’s truthfulness,
in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
- 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written,
“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”
- 10 And again it is said,
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”
- 11 And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”
- 12 And again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”
- 13 May the God of hope fill you
with all joy
and peace
in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (ESV)

Introduction

Would you say you are “strong” or “weak” in faith? Why?
How do you know if you are “strong?”



Think about it



Talk about it

15:1-6 Strong are to help the weak

The strong are capable of understanding their Christian freedoms, the weak are incapable.

Does the concept of Christian “obligation” towards others seem natural or

What does it look like to “bearing with the failings of the weak” and how do you “build” someone up?

Is the worship of God conditioned on unity?

Key Issue: In issues over differing opinions

Seek to please others for their good, their edification (15:2)

Seek unity—one mind, one accord, and with one voice for the glory of God

Principle:

Be concerned for the weak, not just your own rights (15:1)

Put others first.

15:7-13 Mutual Accountability

What is the basis or motivation for “welcoming” one-another?

Where does hope come from? What is our role in our own hope?

Key Issue: In issues over differing opinions

Christ was a servant for the glory of God, so should all Christians be with each other

Principle:

Accept one another (in spite of differences) to the glory of God (15:7)

Summary Principles

We have an obligation to please/build up our neighbors for their good.

Therefore we must put others first!

We do this by loving others—and love seeks to do what is best for others and will lead to the glory of God.



What do we learn
About God?

He deserves our glory
He is purposeful



Act on it

Are there areas/issues over which you have had trouble accepting? How do the exhortations to acceptance, being of one mind along with example of Christ challenge you?

What do you need to do?

Is there anyone you need to talk to?