

Romans 15:1–13 (ESV)

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.

Pleasing > setting aside our _____ to do what is best for others

Neighbor > reminds us that bearing with the weak is _____

For Christ > the ultimate “strong” one sacrificed himself to build up the weak ones – _____

Scriptures > the channel of God’s endurance and encouragement to us as they show us _____

Hope for Sacrificial Love > we need hope that it really _____

Christ > reminds us to see ourselves as ones _____ by God, not to do our will and get our way, but to serve for the glory of God

One Voice > Unified _____ is the ultimate goal of unity

In Accord With > _____ is the point of unity, not our opinions

Welcome > if we want to _____ God, then we follow Christ’s example of welcoming us so that God would be glorified

Servant > exactly what the passage is calling _____ to do

Gentile Praise > Christ served Jew and Gentile, welcoming them so that they might praise God together for His _____

Hope, Praise, and Glory >

Hearts filled with hope are hearts filled with praise: _____ glorifies God

Hearts filled with hope are hearts with _____ to serve and welcome one another despite differences (verses 1-4).

Hearts filled with the _____ hope join together in unified praise to the glory of God.