



## #3 Live in Harmony!

**Romans 15:1-13**

THE CALL FOR SELFLESS SERVANTHOOD AND UNITY

**Romans 15:1** We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> 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.” <sup>10</sup> And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” <sup>11</sup> And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> 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.

BIG Truths That Unite Us!

**1. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST**

**2. THE HOPE-GIVING SCRIPTURES**

**3. THE GLORY OF GOD**

**4. GOD’S ETERNAL PURPOSE**

QUESTIONS TO PONDER IN RESPONSE...

- Are you contributing in some way to preserving and protecting the unity of our church family?
- Are you at odds with someone? Have you experienced a relationship breakdown that has now gone sour? If so, what steps are YOU taking to restore harmony to that relationship?
- Are you really seeing clearly what’s at stake when you continue to harbor bitterness towards someone who hurt you and refuse to show them grace? Do you ever think about how that reflects on God?
- Who are you reaching out to who is different than you... ethnically, socio-economically, culturally? Are you willing to cross barriers and risk discomfort to do so?
- Have you ever received God’s welcoming grace towards you that He demonstrated in the Gospel?