Practical Christian Living Based On The Gospel- 12:1-15:13

ROMANS

Romans 15:1-13

Lesson 16

The Gospel – Demands That We Receive & Build Up One Another

The Gospel – God's Power To Save Man

The Just Shall Live By Faith

Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)

of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

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- - ◆ Paul is making practical application of the great principle of justification by faith established in Romans 1-11.
 - ◆ We are no longer to be enslaved to sin (Romans 6-8), but now are to be "conformed to the image of God's Son" (Romans 8:29).
 - ◆ The larger context of the section before us: Describes the Conduct of one Justified By Faith – living a sacrificial life - (Rom. 12:1-15:13)

The Gospel Demands Unity



- ◆ Jesus willed it and prayed for it -(John 17:20-21)
- ▶ Paul commanded it in the name of Christ - (I Cor.1:10)
- We are to endeavor to keep the "unity of the Spirit" - is not produced by accident, but only through hard work and humility (Ephesians 4:1-6)

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- ◆ Christians should not despise or condemn others – The weak were not to judge the strong – the strong were not to despise the weak - (14:1-12)
- ◆ Christians must not do things that would cause another to stumble (14:13-23).
- ◆ Paul gives a summary of chapter fourteen by instructing Christians to imitate Christ.

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- ◆ The strong The spiritually mature understanding the liberty we have in Christ regarding the observance of food and days (14:1,2)
- Bear with to endure patiently, not to contend with (Gal. 6:2; 1 Thes 5:14)
- Scruples "a doubt arising from conscience or principle that tends to hinder action."

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- ◆ The weak -weak in faith and knowledge, particularly in the knowledge of their freedom from Mosaical observances: their "infirmities" are partly their ignorance about things indifferent (14:1,2,5)
- Not to please ourselves be willing to deny ourselves of a liberty - (1 Cor. 8:13; 13:5)

Romans 15:2 (NKJV)

² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

- ◆ The duty of each one to seek the betterment of others sacrificing for the well being of the weak brethren (1 Cor. 10:24; Phili 2:1-4)
- ▶ Leading to edification building them up in faith –
 so that they come to a fuller
 understanding of the truth (Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:1217,26; Eph 4:29)

Romans 15:3 (NKJV)

³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

- ▶ Jesus went to the cross for us − not for Himself, that He may do the will of His Father! − sacrificing for the well being of the world − (Rom 14:5; Phili 2:5-8; Heb 2:9-18; John 4:34; 5:30; 8:29)
- ◆ Psalm 69:9 Jesus became the subject of "the reproaches of them who reproached" His Father -(Psalm 89:50,51; John 15:24)

Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

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.

- The example of Jesus is for us to learn from and follow!
 - An example of a general principle specifically applied
 (Rom 4:23,24; 1 Cor. 10:11; Phili 2:5-8; Heb 12:1-3)
- ◆ The purpose of scripture to give believers endurance in the face of adversities and encouragement so that they might have hope (Rom. 5:3-5; Heb 3,4; 11).

Romans 15:6 (NKJV)

⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ◆ Harmony in attitude and expression - with one purpose, without contentions, and strife -(Acts 4:32; Phili 2:1-5)
- ◆ God is to be the object and focus of our united service and praise Thus showing the power of the gospel to overcome the sources of strife and contention among His people, bringing peace.

The Gospel – God's Power To Save Man Therefore Receive One Another

Romans 15:7 (NKJV) ⁷Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

- Receive ye one another Acknowledge one another as
 Christians, and treat one
 another as such (Rom 14:3)
- ◆ **As Christ also received us** That is, received us as his followers (Rom 14:3).
- ◆ To the glory of God We are to receive each other in order to promote His glory (John 17:20-21; Eph 1:6-8,12)

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Romans 15:8-13 (NKJV)

⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."

¹⁰ And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"

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Romans 15:8-13 (NKJV)

"And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" ¹² And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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- ◆ Christ had indeed received all who had come to Him in faith both Jew and Gentile in keeping with Old Testament prophecy -(2 Sam 22:50; Ps 18:49; Deut 32:43; Ps 117:1; Isa. 11:10)
- ◆ Do you want the God of hope to "fill you with all joy and peace?"
- ◆ Obey the Gospel turn to Jesus today in faith and He will receive you! (Mat 11:28-30; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-29)

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