

## **Romans 15:1-3 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please Himself...

## **Romans 15:4 (NIV)**

**4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

## **Romans 15:5 (NIV)**

**<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus...**

**Romans 15:7 (NIV)**

Accept one another, then, just as Christ  
accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

**Romans 15:13 (NIV)**

**<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

# **HOPE for Jews and Gentiles**

**Romans 15:1-13**

Galatians 2:4 (NLT)

...that question came up only because of some so-called Christians there...

...They sneaked in to spy on us and **take away the FREEDOM we have IN Christ Jesus**. They wanted to **enslave us** and force us to follow their **Jewish regulations**.

Galatians 2:16 (NIV)

...know that a man is **not justified**  
**BY** observing the law, **BUT** by **faith** in  
**Jesus Christ**. So we, too, have put our faith  
in Christ Jesus that we may be **JUSTIFIED**  
**by faith in Christ** and **NOT** by observing  
the law, because **by observing the law**  
**NO ONE** will be justified.



14:1 **ACCEPT** him whose faith is **WEAK**,  
without passing judgment on  
**Disputable Matters.**

The phrase **Non-Essentials** is used to describe **beliefs or practices** that are **NEITHER Required nor Prohibited by Scripture.** NLTSB

14:1-12 **STOP Judging** your brothers  
and sisters in Christ **-OR- STOP**  
**Condemning** them

14:3 The man who **eats everything** must **not**  
**look down** on him who does not, **-AND-**  
the man who **does not eat everything**  
must **not condemn** the man who does,  
for God has accepted him.

**14:13-23 Do NOT purposely TRIP UP**  
your brother or sister in Christ

**14:19** Let us therefore make every  
effort **TO DO** what leads to  
**peace and to mutual edification.**

**15:1-13 HOPE** for **Gentile** and **Jewish**  
**Believers** comes by **Accepting One Another**

**15:7 ACCEPT** one another, then,  
**just AS Christ accepted you**, in order to  
bring praise to God.

John 1:10 (HCS)

He was in the world, and the world  
was **created through Him,**  
**yet the world did NOT recognize Him.**

<sup>7</sup> So **open your hearts to ONE ANOTHER**  
as Christ has opened His heart to you,  
and **God WILL be glorified.** (JBP)

<sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the **PAST** was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have **HOPE**.



2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

**ALL Scripture is God-breathed** and is  
**USEFUL** for teaching, rebuking,  
correcting and training in righteousness,  
<sup>17</sup> **so that the man of God may**  
**be thoroughly equipped for**  
**every good work.**

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement **give you a spirit of UNITY** among yourselves **AS** you follow Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that with **one heart and mouth** you **may glorify** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When believers **live in HARMONY**  
with one another they give the outside  
world **a better VIEW of God.**

Barnhouse

When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries:  
**May Jesus Christ be praised!**  
Alike at work and prayer,  
To Jesus I repair;  
**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Does **sadness** fill my mind?

A solace here I find,

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Or **fades** my earthly bliss?

My comfort still is this,

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**When sleep her balm denies,**

My silent spirit sighs,

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**When evil thoughts molest,**

With this I shield my breast:

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

The night becomes as **day**  
WHEN from the heart we say:  
**May Jesus Christ be praised!**  
The powers of darkness **fear**  
When this sweet chant they hear:  
**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

# Christ Came as a Servant to the Jews Showing...

- us that God IS **TRUTH**
- us that He **KEEPS** His Promises



## Jesus Also Came so that...

- the Gentiles might **PRAISE** God
- because of His **MERCY**

A series of O.T. quotes to show that the  
**Gentiles were ALWAYS -**  
**part of God's PLAN**

Those who abound in **HOPE** by the  
**power of the Holy Spirit** have no time  
to quarrel over **nonessentials**.

Our common **HOPE** is a powerful  
**unifying force** in the Christian life.

MacDonald

<sup>13</sup> I pray that **God, the source of hope,**  
will **fill you** completely with joy and peace  
**because you trust in Him. THEN** you  
will overflow with confident hope through  
the **power of the Holy Spirit.** (NLT)

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and **forgive** whatever grievances you may have against one another.

**Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

14 And over all these **virtues** put on love,  
which binds them all together in  
perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the **peace** of Christ **RULE** in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.



<sup>16</sup> Let the **WORD of Christ dwell** in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with **gratitude** **in your hearts to God.**

<sup>17</sup> And whatever you DO, whether in **WORD or DEED**, do it **ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving **thanks** to God the Father through him.