

**ROMANS**  
**Our Message to the World**  
AMEN Bible Study 2015-2016

**Follow Christ**  
Romans 15:1-13  
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:1-2 **I. We must bear with one another.**

*<sup>1</sup>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.*

◆ Not at the expense of the Gospel.  
cf. Galatians 6:19; 5:11

◆ Not for ourselves.  
cf. Ephesians 6:5-6; I Thessalonians 1:24; I Corinthians 9:19-23; 10:33

◆ Not just to endure or to tolerate, but to bear each other's burdens.  
cf. Matthew 8:17; Galatians 6:2

◆ Not just negatively, but positively for his good, to build him up.

:3-13 **II. We must bear with one another because of Christ.**

:3-4 **A. Christ came to suffer for us.**

*<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.*

cf. Philippians 2:6ff; Psalm 69:7-9, 19-21; John 2:17; Romans 14:15  
Psalm 69 in NT – Matthew 27:34, 48; Mark 15:23, 36; Luke 23:36; John 2:17; 15:25;  
19:29; Acts 1:20; Romans 11:9

Scriptural encouragement + endurance → hope  
cf. II Timothy 3:16; Romans 1:2; 3:21, 31; 5:3-5; 15:12-13; 16:26

:5-12 **B. Christ came to unite us in glorifying God.**

*<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.*

God's gifts of endurance and encouragement → harmony → one mouth → praise

:8 **1. He came for the Jews.**

*<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, ...*  
cf. Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Micah 7:20; Acts 3:25

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2. He came for the Gentiles.

...<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."

cf. Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalm 18:49; 117:1; II Samuel 22:50; Isaiah 11:10

In Isaiah alone: Isaiah 2:1-4; 12:4-5; 17:7-8; 19:18-25; 25:3-9; 42:4, 5, 10-12; 44:5; 45:14, 22; 49:6; 52:15; 55:3-5; 56:3-8; 59:19; 60:3; 65:1; 66:19-21

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C. Christ came to give us 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.

Holy Spirit → joy and peace → abundant hope