

## Romans 15

*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God  
(Romans 15:7)*

### Still on matters of the conscience...

- The strong have an obligation (15:1-2):
    - To bear with the failings of the weak
    - Not to please themselves
    - To build up their neighbour
  
  - Christ has set the example (15:3)
    - He did not please himself
    - *Psalm 69:9 - "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."*
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- Old Testament scriptures (15:4)
    - *For our instruction*
    - *For our encouragement and endurance*
      - *To give us hope*
  
  - Paul prays for harmony..., joy, peace and hope... (15:5-6, 13)
    - *That we might glorify God with one voice.*
      - The GOAL of the gospel (15:8-12)
        - In Christ (15:8-9)
        - In us – the Church (15:7)
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### **Paul's ministry**

- Confidence in the Roman believers (15:14)
  - Confidence in Christ – it is Christ who has accomplished the ministry to the Gentiles *through Paul* (15:17-19)
  - Paul's ambition – to preach the gospel where it has not been proclaimed (15:20-21)
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### **But now...**

- Paul is free to make his way to Rome (15:22-23)
  - But only to 'pass through' on his way to Spain (15:24)
  - But not yet... on his way to Jerusalem first (15:25-29)
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### **Pray for me...**

- And pray with me... (15:30)
    - For protection (15:31)
    - For acceptance (15:31)
    - For mutual blessing (15:32)
      - Benediction (15:33)
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*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.*

*(Romans 15:13)*