



# THINGS THAT MATTER AND THINGS THAT DON'T

# "Welcoming One Another"

Romans 15:8-13

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## REVIEW:

1. We are called to **Accept One Another, Build Up One Another, Remind One Another** and **Please (Serving) One Another** and **Welcoming (Tolerating) One Another**.
2. There are two sources of spiritual power—The Example of the Savior and the Encouragement of the Scripture.
3. Paul calls us to imitate Christ in pleasing and serving other people, rather than ourselves.

## Spiritual Superglue!

**Romans 14:1, NIV84** - <sup>1</sup> Accept [Gk: προσλαμβάν, (pros-lam-BAN-o), lit., to welcome or tolerate] him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. [This controlling phrase is still in effect and is illustrated in vv. 14:1—15:13.]

### 1. Paul points to the Scriptures to hold us together.

**Romans 15:4, HCSB** - <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.

### 2. Paul points to the Savior to hold us together.

**Romans 15:3, 8-13, HCSB** - <sup>3</sup> For even the Messiah did not please Himself. On the contrary, as it is written, **The insults of those who insult You have fallen on Me....** <sup>8</sup> For I say that the Messiah became a servant of the circumcised on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and so that Gentiles may glorify God for His mercy. As it is written: **Therefore I will praise You among the**

**Gentiles, and I will sing psalms to Your name.** <sup>10</sup> Again it says: **Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people!** <sup>11</sup> And again: **Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; all the peoples should praise Him!** <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: **The root of Jesse will appear, the One who rises to rule the Gentiles; the Gentiles will hope in Him.** [Paul has just given four quotes from the OT—two from the Psalms (vv. 9, 11), one from the Law/Deuteronomy (v. 10), one from the Prophets/Isaiah (v. 12); all three categories of the Jewish Bible—the Psalms, the Law and the Prophets—are all represented in the quote as Paul drives home the fact that it was ALWAYS God's plan to bring Jews and Gentiles into His kingdom.] <sup>13</sup> **NOW** [here's Paul's closing prayer for all people] may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe [lit. hold on to] in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Christ's ministry should bring praise from the Jews—for God's **faithfulness**.
- Christ's ministry should bring praise from the Gentiles—for God's **mercy**.



**All believers should be welcoming of one another, for Christ came to save both the Jews and the Gentiles.**  
*It is God's Word and God's Son that holds us together.*

## Life Application Section

### Marks of a Multicultural Church

- A. It's a Welcoming Church ("Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." v. 7, ESV)
- B. It's an Inclusive Church. (Don't miss this: It was always God's plan to include Gentiles in His plan—**everyone!**)
- C. It's a Worshipping Church. (3 times in vv. 9-11 God calls us to worship together.)
- D. It's an Evangelizing Church. (v. 12, "...here is the hope" for the Gentiles.)
- E. It's an Overflowing Church. (v. 13, "...overflow with hope")



**I** do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. <sup>15</sup> That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. <sup>16</sup> I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.