

LIVING AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST
Romans 15:1-7

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul exhorts his readers to follow after those things that are truly important *vs. 19*
 - 1) Pursue things that bring peace
 - 2) Seek to build up your brother

- B. Avoid doing those things that destroy *vs. 21*
 - 1) Do not intentionally offend
 - 2) Do not be led into violating your conscience by trying to show your faith.

- C. Paul now appeals to them to let Christ be their example
 - 1) Christ bore the infirmities of the weak
 - 2) Christ did not please Himself

- I. Be Like Christ, Help The Weak *verse 1*
 - A. *"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak,"*
 - 1) *"strong"* = δυνατος = "having power"
 - 2) *"ought to"* = οφειλω = "to be bound"
 - 3) *"bear"* = βασταζω = "to lift a heavy load"
 - 4) *"infirmities"* = ασθενημα = "weakness", "sickness"
 - 5) *"weak"* = αδυνατατος = "not powerful"

 - B. *"and not to please ourselves"*
 - 1) *"please"* = αρεσκω = "to be acceptable to"
 - 2) *"It is the duty of us who are strong in faith to help those who are feeble in faith and to not insist on having our own way."*

- II. Be Like Christ, Seek To Please Others *verse 2 & 3*
 - A. *"Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification"* *vs. 2*

- 1) "please" = αρεσκω = "to seek to gratify"
- 2) "edification" = οικοδομη = "a building up"
- 3) "Everyone of us must try to please his neighbor, to do him good, and help in his development." Gspd

B. *"For even Christ pleased not himself: but as it is written, the reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."*

- 1) "For indeed Christ did not seek His own pleasure" Wey
- 2) "reproaches" = ονειδιζω = "to defame", "to cast in one's teeth", "upbraid"
- 3) *Psalm 69:9*

III. Be Like Christ, Use The Bible verse 4

A. *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning."*

- 1) "whatsoever things" = οσα = "as great", "how great"
- 2) "aforetime" = προγραφο = "before written"
- 3) "learning" = διδασκαλια = "instruction"

B. *"that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope"*

- 1) "patience" = υπομονη = "a remaining under"
- 2) "comfort" = παρακλησις = "a calling near"
- 3) "hope" = ελπις = "expectation of future good"
- 4) "That by steadfast endurance and by the counsel of the scriptures, we may hold fast our hope." Con

IV. Be Like Christ, Think Like Him verse 5 & 6

A. *"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus"*

- 1) "patience" = υπομονη = "a remaining under"
- 2) "consolation" = παρακλησις = "a calling near"
- 3) "grant" = διδωμι = "to present"

- 4) "*likeminded*" = φρονεω = "to regard" + το = "the" +
αυτο = "thing"
- 5) "Now may the God who gives perseverance and
encouragement" NASE
- 6) "...bestow upon you the kind of thinking toward one
another that follows the example of Christ Jesus."

B. "*That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" vs. 6

- 1) "*one mind*" = ομοθυμαδον = "with the same mind", "with
one accord", "all together"
- 2) "*one mouth*" = εις = "one", "even one", "only one" +
στομα = "the mouth"
- 3) "*glorify*" = δοξαζω = "to cause a good opinion about
someone"
- 4) "That together, in unison, you may with your mouths
glorify the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

V. Be Like Christ, Receive One Another verse 7

A. "*Wherefore receive ye one another,*"

- 1) "*receive*" = προσλαμβανω = "to take or receive to
one's self and for one's self"
- 2) "Therefore welcome one another" Wey

B. "*as Christ also received us to the glory of God*"

- 1) "Even as Christ also received you"
- 2) "To promote the glory of God" Wey