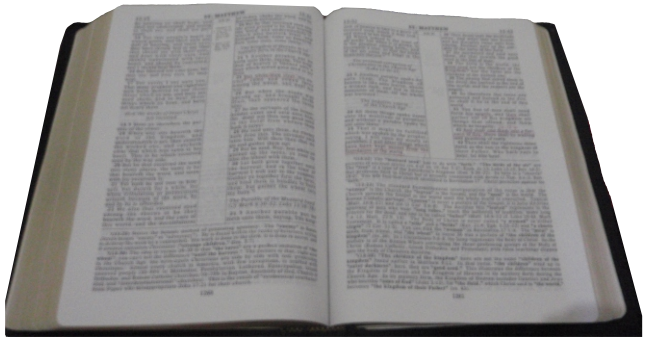
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Romans
15

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Romans 15- Spiritual Unity with Jesus Christ

This chapter starts by continuing to deal with a believer's relationships with other (weak) believers on an individual basis.

Then goes into showing the results of spirit-filled believers living in unity with Jesus Christ.

The broad context is till to get the Gentile believers to live and behave properly so as to provoke the Jews to jealousy that they might understand that Jesus is the Messiah and get saved.

15:1- Strong believers responsibility to weak believers

15:1- To bear the infirmities of the weak

- Is to lift up the weak, to help the weak carry their load; to build up and strengthen the weak in the faith, to encourage the weak.

- Spiritual growth takes time, patience, practice, and experience.

- Mature believers ought to seek ways to help weaker brethren grow in grace.

- Heb. 5:12-14

- Maturing causes a believer not to misuse his liberty

- Gal. 5:13

- Spiritual maturity leads to **selflessness**

- Jh. 3:30

15:31- 2nd request

- God said "yes" to this prayer request in

- Acts 21:18-26

15:32- 3rd request

- God said 'No" to this prayer request.

- Paul did finally get to go to Rome, but did not arrive "with joy" rather he arrived as a prisoner after surviving a shipwreck.

- He was under house arrest and did not get to be refreshed with the Christians at Rome.

- Acts 20:24

- 2Tim. 4:7

15:29- Knowing the true gospel of Jesus Christ is a full blessing.

- Eph. 3:19

- We are blessed if we understand the simplicity of the gospel.

- 2Cor. 11:3

- One of Satan's main objectives is to pervert the true gospel

- Gal. 1:6-9- Don't be deceived.

15:30-33- Paul's three prayer requests

- Paul beseeches the prayers of the brethren, so we ought to also plead for the prayers of fellow church members who are plugged into God.

15:30- For the Lord Jesus Christ sake... and for the love of the Spirit

- Notice the ultimate goal of the prayer is for the glory of God

15:30- strive

- Paul uses the word "strive"- fight the good fight of faith

15:31- 1st request

- God said "yes" to this prayer request when after being jailed for 2 years.

- God delivered him from those who wanted to kill him.

15:2- In our conduct with other believers, we ought to please and edify others.

- Gal. 1:10- This is not a contradiction with Gal. 1:10 the context of 1:10 is preaching the gospel to the lost.

- You can compromise your practice on a doubtful thing in order to get along with the brethren without compromising your convictions.

15:3- Jesus Christ is our example of helping the weak and hopeless

- Ps. 69:9

- 1Pet. 2:23

- Jesus Christ is the perfect example of unselfishness.

- Acts 10:36-38

- Jesus Christ spent his life doing the will of God by giving and ministering.

- Mt. 20:28

- Jesus Christ was sold out to pleasing God the Father.

- Jh. 8:28-29

- If we obey and please the Lord, the reproach that the world has for God and Jesus Christ will fall on us

- Jh. 15:18-25.

15:4- The OT scriptures were written for our learning

- 1Cor. 10:11

- We can learn patience by studying the lives of the OT saints.

- Jam. 5:10-11

- Jam. 1:3-4

- A believer's hope can only come from the comfort of the scriptures- God will deliver.

15:5-6- Unity in Jesus Christ leads believers to glorify God.

- 1Cor. 10:31

- 1Pet. 4:11

- Believers in a local church ought to strive for unity.

- 1Cor. 1:10

- Ps. 133:1

- Believers are to be of one mind

- 2Cor. 13:11

- Ph. 1:27, 2:2

- 1Pet. 3:8

15:7- Believers are to receive others who give a good testimony being saved.

- Rom. 14:1,3- Similar to these two verses.

- Spiritual blessings should affect how we handle temporary material things and money.

- It is the duty of each member of the local church to financially support the material and physical needs of the Pastor.

- Neh. 13:10-13

- 1Cor. 9:11

- Giving is one of the fruits of a believer.

- Rom. 12:8

- God loves a cheerful giver

- 2Cor. 9:6-8

15:28- When therefore I have performed this

- Paul was zealous about getting things done.

- It is important to finish what God has given us to do

- Gen. 2:1- First mention

- Ex. 39:32

- Ex. 40:33

- 1Kg. 6:9, 14, 22, 38

- Solomon building the house of the Lord.

- 1Kg. 7;1

- Jh. 4:34, 17:4, 19:30

- Paul's plan did not come about

- When he left Corinth the last time and headed for Jerusalem he was taken into custody by the Jews.

- Paul eventually appealed to Caesar and thus did make it to Rome but as a prisoner.

- Acts 21- This is Paul's first arrest

15:25- Paul wanted to minister to the saints.

- Gal. 6:9-10-

15:26- Here is one of the only 2 reasons for taking up tithes and offerings in the NT local church.

1- To help poor saints

- Today the Church has to be careful for there are professional bums who do nothing but bum money..

2- To support the ministry

- 2Cor. 8-9

15:27- Macedonia and Achaia had received the gospel from Jerusalem

- As a result, these mission churches felt indebted enough to do something about it.

- Do we understand we are debtors for the gospel and the spiritual blessings what we have received?

- Rom. 1:14-15

- Believers shouldn't be sponges, but rather channels!

- Just as Jesus Christ received us based on us simply believing on him, we should also receive other believers who differ with us on minor issues.

- We are full of sin and bring nothing worthy of saving, but are saved by His grace.

- Rom. 5:6

- This **DOES NOT** meant we tolerate false gospels and perverted **Bibles**

15:8- Important definition of **the earthly ministry** of Jesus Christ.

- Rom. 3:29-30

- Outside of Jesus Christ death, burial, and resurrection Jesus' primary ministry was to the Jews.

- Mt. 15:24

- Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection whereby He became the atonement for sins of the whole world.

- 1Jh. 2:2

15:8- To confirm the promises made unto the fathers

- This phrase refers to the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob the Jacob's 12 sons, as well as all Messianic OT promises.

-Deu. 18:15-22

- Even Jesus acknowledgement of **great faith** was to a Gentile centurion

- Mt. 8:5-13

- Mk. 8:34- Discuss this verse concerning how to rightly divide the difference between salvation and discipleship.

- Lk. 14:27, 33

15:9-23- Paul's Gentile commission

15:9-12- Paul quotes respectively

- Ps. 18:49

- Deut. 32:43

- Ps. 117:1

- Isa. 11:1, 10

- Here in Romans, Paul takes quotations from the OT that apply doctrinally to Jesus' reign during the Millennium and makes it applicable to the present Church Age.

- You can take passages that apply doctrinally to some other dispensation and make a practical application to the Body of Christ now in the Church Age.

15:9-11- Gentile believers should glorify god for His mercy

- Believers today ought to confess Jesus Christ and His saving grace wherever we are.

- Believers ought to people of joy, praise, and worship.

- Believers ought to be full-time witnesses.

15:12- If believers are faithful witnesses, Gentiles are often willing to receive Jesus Christ.

- Believers are to strive (fight the good fight) lawfully

- 2Tim. 2:5

- Rom. 2:23-25

15:21- Isa. 52:15, 14

- The context of Isaiah is the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

- Isa. 52:15- So shall he sprinkle many nations- refers to the blood atonement for the Gentiles.

- 1Pet. 1:2

- This OT prophesy is of course fulfilled by Jesus Christ and secondarily fulfilled by Paul in his going to Rome.

15:22-23- Paul was "much hindered from coming" to Rome

- 1Th. 2:18

- How do we handle our hindrances?

- What does it take to stop you?

- Acts 19:21- Paul's plan is in Acts here.

- Pr. 3:5-6- You need to include God in your plans

15:23- Great desire

- Paul for many years had a great desire to go to Rome but had not been yet.

15:24-25- Paul's plan was to go to Jerusalem, then go into Spain, and stop in Rome on the way.

- Signs were given to the Jews.

- Ex. 4:28-31

- 1Cor. 1:22

- God's purpose is giving signs to the Jews, to get them to believe.

- 1Cor. 14:22

- Paul preached the gospel at Jerusalem and roundabout that area.

15:19- Fully preached

- Fully does not mean the full gospel of the Charismatic groups or as they sometimes call it being a complete Christian.

- These are perversions of the gospel and these people are lost who believe these perverted gospels.

15:20- Paul wanted to build a foundation for the gospel of Jesus Christ in Rome.

- Rom. 1:13-16

- As of about 60AD, no foundation for the gospel had yet been laid in Rome.

- Rom. 15:20

- Believers need to go wherever the gospel hasn't been established yet.

- Locally, in our country, or on a foreign field.

- After opposition from the Jews, Paul and Barnabas turn to the Gentiles.

- Acts. 13:46-49

15:13- God is a God of hope and fills believers with all joy and peace.

- 15:13- The Lord is the source of a believer's hope

- 15:5- Patience and consolation

- 15:33- Peace

- 1Pet. 5:10- All grace

- 2Cor. 13:11- Love and peace

- 2Cor. 1:3- All comfort

- Lk. 20:38- He is a God of the living.

- These things are all provided through the power of the Holy Ghost as believers walk and grow daily in obedience to God..

- The Holy Spirit wants these qualities to abound in every believer's Christian life.

- The 1st use fo the word "abound" in the KJV

- Pr. 28:20- Faithfulness is absolutely essential.

15:14- Paul commends the Roman believers.

- Paul acknowledges they are "full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

- If this is true? - do we know how to properly admonish (warn, caution, reprove, rebuke, correct, instruct) one another and to receive it with a right spirit?

- This does not mean that the Roman believers possessed all available knowledge that exists, but that they knew what was necessary to be successful spiritually.

15:5- Paul wrote to the Roman believers boldly by the grace of God.

- God's grace should give us a holy boldness to witness and stand up for the truth, even when it is unpopular to do so

- Eph. 6: 19-20

- Ph. 1:14

- 1Th. 2:1-4

15:16- Paul's primary earthly ministry was to the Gentiles

- 15:8- Jesus ministry compare to these verses.

- Acts 9:15

- Gal. 2:7-9

- There is no evidence that Peter ever went to Rome, but went a different direction.

- 1Pet. 1:1

- 1Pet. 5:13

- The Lord sent Paul to Rome not Peter.

- Acts 23:11

- To whom should the focus of our witness be?

- Acts 1:8

- The Gentile believers are spoken of in this verse as being an offering and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

- Num. 8:5-16- (Pre-requisites to serving for the Levites.)

- Believers are to be a living sacrifice.

- Rom. 12:1

15:17-18- Paul glories in God for what God has done through him.

- Any obedience in word or deed calls for bringing glory to God.

- Ps. 115:1

- 1Cor. 1:31

- Jer. 9:23-24

- 2Cor. 10:13-17

- We dare not fail to give God the glory He is due.

- You could end up like Herod.

- Acts 12:21-23

15:19- Paul, as a Jewish apostle, was given the apostolic signs.

- Mk. 16:17-20

- Acts 19:11-22