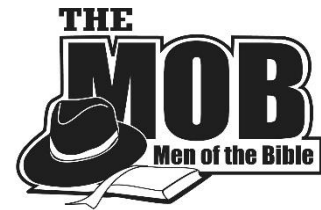


For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17



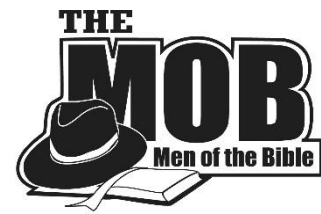
Announcements



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Memory Verse



Romans 15:13 (NASB)

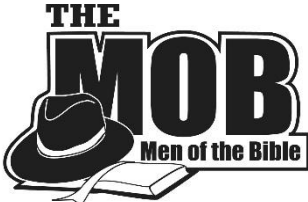
Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NASB)



Romans

Outline

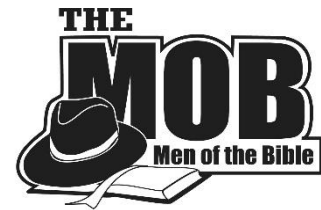


Focus	Revelation of God's Righteousness			Vindication of God's Righteousness			Application of God's Righteousness	
	Reference	1:1 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	6:1 – 8:39	9:1-29	9:30 – 10:21	11:1-36	12:1 – 13:14
Division	Need for God's Righteousness	Imputation of God's Righteousness	Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties
Topic	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service	
	Doctrinal						Behavioral	
Location & Time	Probably written in Corinth (Greece) around 57 AD							





Last Meeting



Scripture:

- [Romans 14:1-23](#)

Encountering the Book of Romans

Chapter 18

A Plea for Unity in the Church – Part 1

- Condemning Each Other Violates God's Prerogative
- Limiting the Exercise of Liberty Through Love

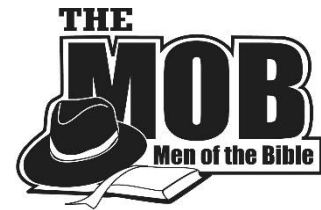
pages 177 - 185

Key Thoughts :

- Personal faith determines religious practice
- Christians should not judge each other for practices God accepts
- Christ is Lord so Christians are obliged to live for Him and not judge one another; all accountable
- Christians have great freedom, but should refrain if it might cause others to stumble



This Meeting



Scripture:

- [Romans 15:1-13](#)

Key Thoughts :

- Christians should live in harmony, the strong bearing the burden with the weak, as Christ is our supreme example
- Our actions in unity bring glory and honor to God

Encountering the Book of Romans

Chapter 18

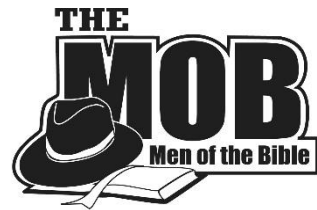
A Plea for Unity in the Church – Part 2

- Receiving Each Other to the Glory of God

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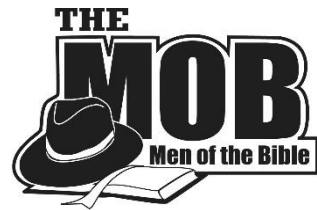
Romans 15:1-13 (ESV)



¹ We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ 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. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Romans 15:1-13 (ESV)



⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

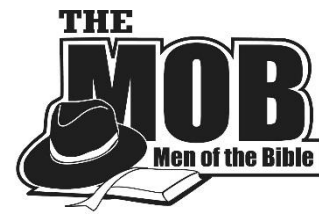
“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰ And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”



Romans 15:1-13 (ESV)



¹¹ And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

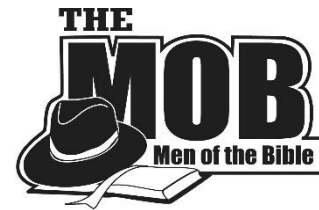
¹² And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³ 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 14:1 thru 15:13



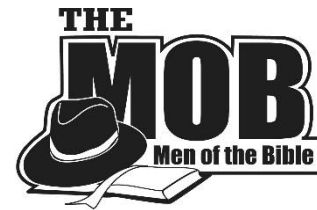
Four principles to govern the relationships between strong and weak Christians (McArthur).

1. Receive one another with understanding (Romans 14:1-12)
2. Build up one another without offending (Romans 14:13-23)
3. Please one another with Christ as our example (Romans 15:1-7)
4. Rejoice with one another in the plan of God (Romans 15:7-13)

<https://www.gty.org/library/resources/sermons-library/scripture/1?book=45&chapter=15>



Romans 15:1-13



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Observation: The strong (*including* Paul) are given clear instruction to consider their weaker brother – in fact his neighbor

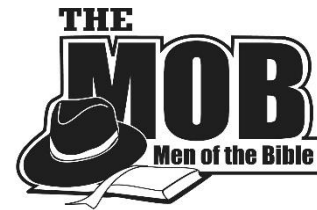
Interpretation:

- The use of first person plural ([g2249](#)); *hêmeis* – includes Paul in the *emphatic* exhortation
- Selfless service is not an option, but an expectation (ESV includes obligation)
- Christ did not simply issue the Law of Love – He also lived it (Moo; 185)
 - Paul uses [Psalm 69:9](#) to reinforce that unique tie to Christ

Who are “the strong” and who are “the weak” to whom Paul is referring?



Romans 15:1-13



⁴ 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.

(see specific scripture associated with Gentiles in His redemptive plan with vv. 9 through 11 -- [2 Sam 22:50](#); [Ps 18:49](#); [Deut 32:43](#), [Ps 117:1](#); [Is 11:10](#))

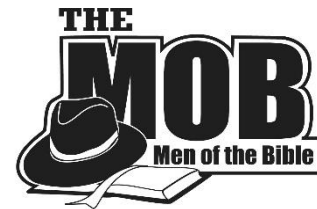
Observation: Again in Paul's writing, he secures the validity of God's plan by drawing on OT writings and prophecy - both to affirm that message and to provide us a glorious road map to redemptive access to God – for both Jew and Gentile

Interpretation:

- To anticipate, usually with pleasure ([g1680](#)); *elpis*



Romans 15:1-13



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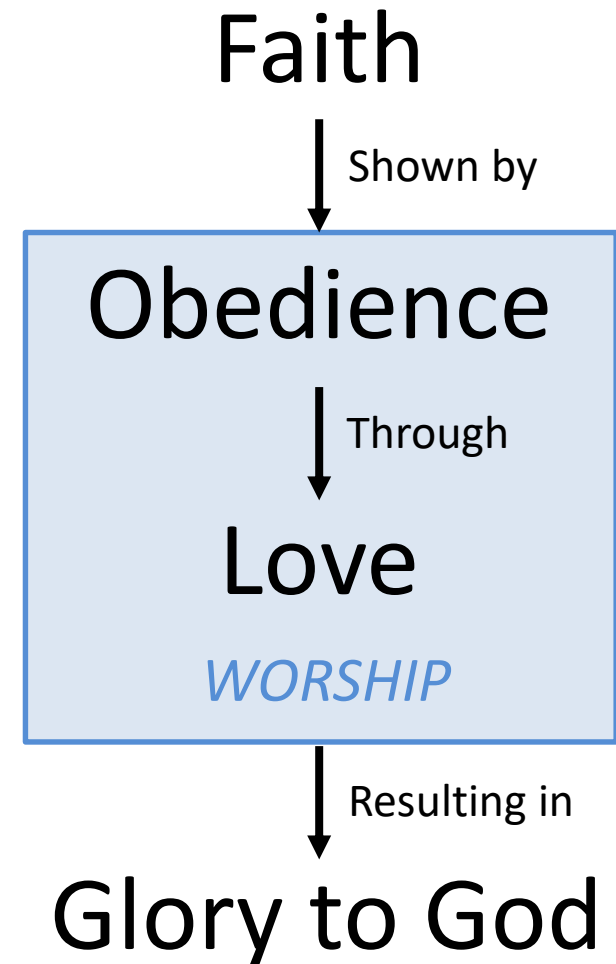
Observation: Paul's vocal and specific prayer for the Church

Interpretation:

- Endurance = Perseverance ([g5281](#)) *hupomoné*
- Encouragement ([g3874](#)) *paraklésis*
- Harmony = to have the same mindset ([g5426](#)) *phroneó*
 - Jesus to Peter in [Matthew 16:23](#) "you are not setting your mind on God's interests". See also [1 Cor 13:11](#) "I used to think like a child"
 - Unity in spirit and attitude – *with one mind and one voice* (Moo)
- God is glorified when His people come together in unity

Unity in the Body

- Faith that leads to obedience demonstrated by love results in glory to God
- We are called to glorify God
 - vv. 7, 9
- "*Glorifying ([g1392](#) /doksázō) God*" means valuing Him for who *He really is*. For example, "giving (ascribing) glory to God" *personally acknowledges God in His true character (essence)*. -**HELPS™** Word-studies



Romans 15:1-13

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Observation: A summary of why Christ became a servant and God's continuing faithfulness to His promises.

Interpretation:

- Continues the thought of the previous two verses
 - Use Christ as your example of welcoming others *for the glory of God*
- Again the topic of bringing glory to God is reinforced
- Ties together His objectives for salvation related to both the Jew (showing His truthfulness) and the Gentile (showing His Mercy)



Romans 15:1-13



¹³ 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.

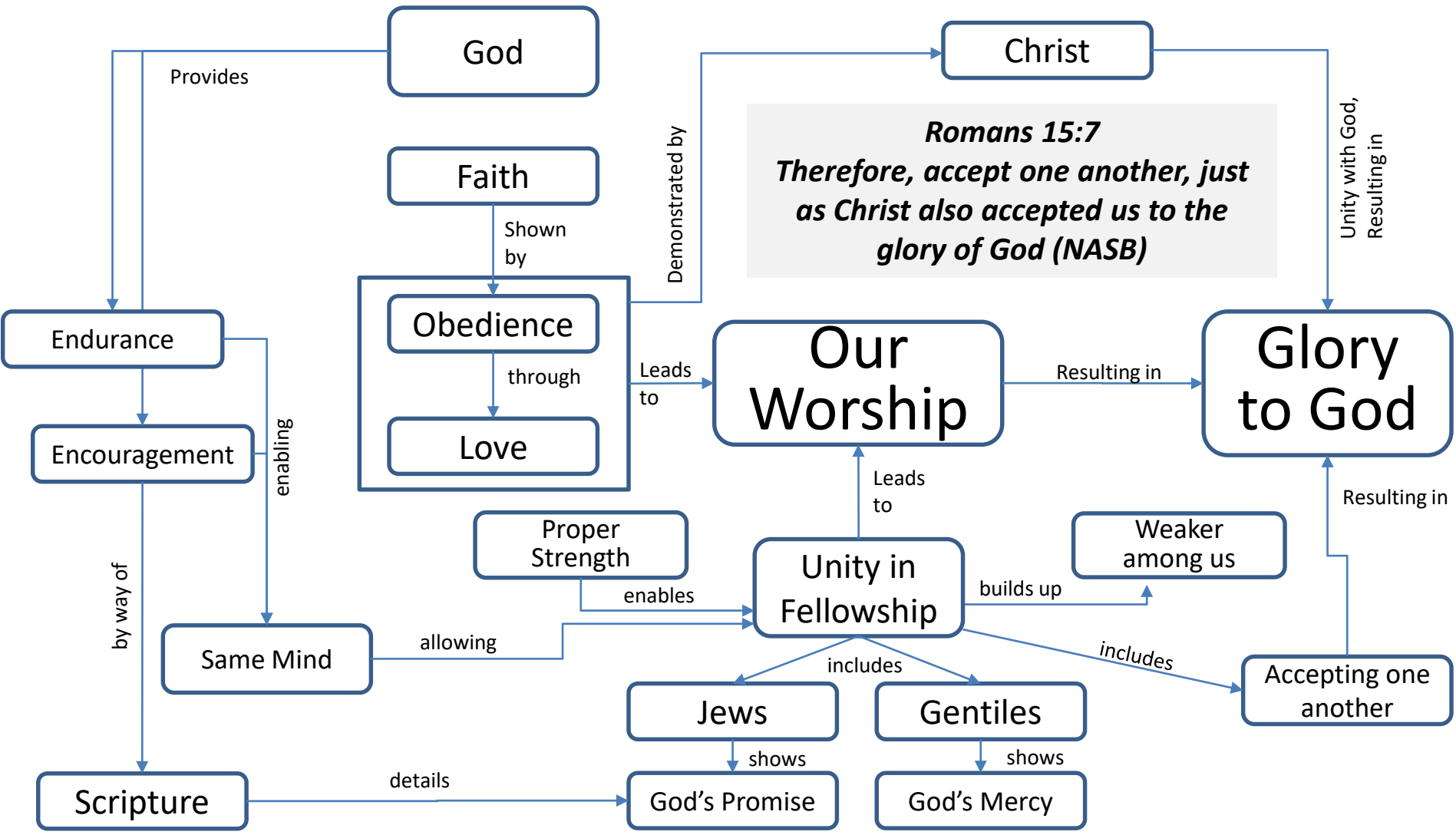
Observation: Paul's fitting doxology to the Church audience

Interpretation:

- The God of Hope!
- Summarizes the prayer of Paul to this portion of the Romans epistle
- "fill you with all joy and peace to believe in Him" (Physioc)
 - The verbs, "fill" and "abound," used in conjunction with the noun, "hope" (used twice in this verse), should greatly encourage the reader that unity in the body of Christ is possible, but only "in the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

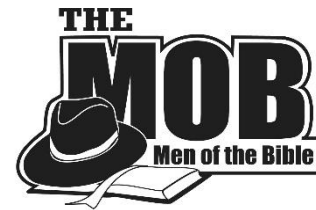
A Quick Summary





Closing Thought

Again, Paul Said

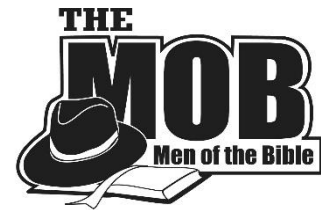


Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Discussion & Application

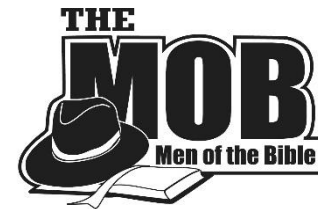


1. If Christ is a minister to the Jews, why do most Jewish people reject Him?
2. What is meant by a strong believer? Do you consider yourself a strong believer as it relates to the term used in these verses?
3. What do you think is meant by, *“bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just to please ourselves”*? Discuss.
4. What are the different examples of ways you can bring glory to God in the way we interact with other people?
5. Do you play your part in the unity of the church? In what ways have you been successful and in what ways do you need to improve?
6. Review the summary slides and reflect on how you would adjust the details to better reflect your understanding of this passage.

Do you agree in the concepts that reflect the relationship of faith, obedience, love, worship, unity in fellowship and Glory to God? Does it oversimplify the concept?



Next Meeting



Concluding Material: Paul's Ministry and Doxology

Review:

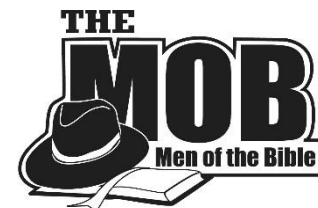
- [Romans 15:1-13](#)

Study:

- [Romans 15:14 - 16:27](#)
- [Encountering Romans](#) Chapter 19,
pages 191 - 197



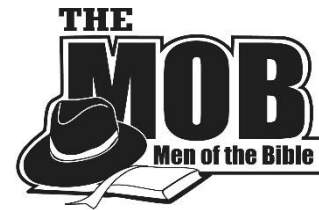
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