

Our Obligation: to Please and Accept
Romans 15:1-13

Be like Christ who pleased others, not Himself. 1-6

- Command: The strong are obliged to help/please the weak.
for their good. See Gal. 6:2. Note *edification* recalls 14:19.
- Reason: Follow the example of Jesus who pleased others.
See Phil. 2:3-8, and Paul's attitude in II Cor. 10:23ff.
- Prayer: We need to have unity.
same mind, 12:16, II Cor. 13:11, Phil. 2:2 / *one accord*,
Acts 1:14, 4:24. Must we agree on everything?
Purpose of this unity = glorify God, Jn. 17:21-22.

Be like Christ who accepted all people. 7-13

- Command: We must all accept one another.
This = conclusion of 14:1-15:23. Again it's for God's glory!
- Reason: Follow the example of Jesus who accepted us.
Note God's acceptance of Jews & Gentiles in four quotes.
- Prayer: We should be filled with joy and peace
Purpose of joy and peace = hope, 15:13, 5:2-5, 8:20,24,25

Based on 14:1-15:33 how should we handle our convictions?

