

STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 30 - The Weak and the Strong (continued) - [Romans 15:1-13](#)

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Please Others, Not Yourself

1 So those of us who are strong in our assurance ought to be patient with the frailty of those who are weak, and not insist on pleasing ourselves.

2 Each of us should do what pleases others, for their good, to build them up in the faith.

3 Even Christ didn't live to please Himself, but as the Scripture says of Him,
"The insults of those who raged at You have now fallen on Me." (*Ps. 69:9*)

4 This and everything else that was written in former times was written that by means of these Scriptures we might learn to patiently continue faithful, and that we might receive encouragement by the continuing hope they give us.

5 Now may the God who Himself is patient and long-suffering, who constantly encourages us, help each of you to have this same attitude toward one another, as you follow Christ Jesus.

6 And may all of you in a united way, with one voice, continue to glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 So accept each other in the same way that Christ has accepted each of us, and as a result, God will indeed be glorified.

***The Great News Is for
Jews and Everyone Else***

8 What I'm saying is that Jesus Christ became a servant of the Jews, bringing them God's truth, in order to fulfill the promises God had made to their forefathers.

9 And this has also caused even many who are not Jews to praise God for His mercy. As the Scripture declares,

"This is why I will tell even those who are not Jews about You, and I will continually sing praises to Your name." (*2 Sam. 22:50; Ps. 18:49*)

10 Another Scripture says,

"Listen, all you other people, rejoice with God's chosen people!" (*Dt. 32:43*)

11 And another,

"Praise the Lord, all nations. All of you people, praise Him!" (*Ps. 117:1*)

¹²And still another, where Isaiah says,

“The Descendant of Jesse will rise up to rule the nations, and they will put their hope in Him.” (*Isa. 11:10*)

¹³Now may the God who offers hope fill all of you with supreme and unsurpassed joy and peace as you continue to believe, causing you through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to receive most joyous and ever-enlarging views of the hope that is ours.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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351. What is the responsibility of a strong Christian toward others? ([15:1-2](#))
352. What is the purpose of Scripture? ([15:4](#))
353. What does God want to give each believer to guide his or her Christian life? ([15:5-6](#))
354. By what standards should a person accept others? ([15:7](#))
355. For what reason was Jesus sent to the Jews? ([15:8-12](#))
356. With what does God want to fill us? ([15:13](#))
357. What life-style rules and issues do Christians argue about today?
358. When Scripture is not explicit on an issue, how should a person decide what is right and wrong?

Lesson 31 - Paul, the Minister to the Gentiles - [Romans 15:14-22](#)

Paul's Reason for Writing So Boldly

¹⁴But I also have an inner conviction, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are also filled with earnest desire to do what is right, and that you have also been given all the knowledge necessary to be able to urgently warn, counsel, and instruct one another.

¹⁵Just the same, dear friends, I've been very bold in what I've written you. I did this partly to remind you that, because of a favor from God that I certainly don't deserve,

¹⁶He called me to be a servant of Jesus Christ to the whole world, to act as His minister in giving out His Great News to everyone. And I've been very concerned

that the offering I make to God, of people from all nations, be one that has been thoroughly purified by the Holy Spirit, so that they will be accepted by God.

¹⁷So I have good reason to boast about what Christ Jesus has enabled me to accomplish in God's service.

¹⁸And for that reason, I wouldn't think of speaking about anything except about what Christ has accomplished through me in leading people everywhere to obey God by what I have both said and done.

¹⁹Through the power of miracles and wonders, performed through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Great News was proclaimed. So from Jerusalem to Illyricum, and everywhere in between, I have preached the full message of the Great News about Christ.

²⁰I have always made it my aim to not preach the Great News where people already know about Christ, so that I would not be building where someone else had already laid the foundation.

²¹Instead, as the Scripture declares:

“Those who had not yet been told about Him will now see, and those who had not heard before will now understand.” (*Isa. 52:15*)

²²So it's been my pioneer work for the Lord that has hindered me so many times when I wanted to get out to visit you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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359. How did Paul describe the Christians at Rome? ([15:14](#))
360. How did Paul understand his own mission? ([15:14-16](#))
361. Why did Paul preach to the Gentiles? ([15:16](#))
362. What was Paul's "priestly duty"? ([15:16](#))
363. What was the focus of Paul's life? ([15:17-18](#))
364. What was the only thing that Paul was willing to speak of? ([15:18-19](#))
365. To what did Paul credit his success in evangelism? ([15:18-19](#))
366. What was Paul's ambition? ([15:20](#))
367. Why did Paul preach the gospel where Christ was not known? ([15:20](#))

368. What had hindered Paul from coming to see the people in the church at Rome? ([15:22](#))

Lesson 32 - Paul's Plan to Visit Rome - [Romans 15:23-33](#)

23-24 But now I have no more areas to cover in this region, and since I've had such great desire for so many years to see you, I'll do so whenever I make my trip to Spain. So I hope to see you on my way there, and hopefully I'll have your help in making that trip, after I've first had the pleasure of enjoying your company for awhile.

25 But right now I'm on my way to deliver a relief offering to the Lord's followers in Jerusalem.

26 His followers in both northern and southern Greece have taken pleasure in giving toward this offering to help the poor among the followers there.

27 They have, in fact, taken great pleasure in doing so. But they actually owe this to them, because if the Jews shared their spiritual blessings with those who are not Jews, their duty is certainly now to share their material blessings with the Jews.

28 So when I've completed my mission there, safely delivering these gifts of love, I will head for Spain and visit you on the way.

29 And I know that when I do come your way, I will come with a full measure of Christ's blessing to minister His Great News.

30 But I beg of you, please, my brothers and sisters, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and by means of the love given you by the Holy Spirit, that you most fervently and earnestly work together with me by means of your prayers to God for me.

31 Pray that God will protect me from those in Judea who are not obedient to our Lord. And pray that the gifts I bring to Jerusalem will be willingly and gladly accepted by the Lord's people.

32 That would bring me to you, if God is willing, filled with joy and ready for a refreshing visit with you.

33 May the God of peace be with all of you. Amen.

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369. Where was Paul planning to travel? ([15:23-24](#)) Why?

370. Why was Paul planning to visit Rome? ([15:23-25](#))

371. How did Paul want the Roman Christians to help him? ([15:24](#), [30-32](#))

372. What was Paul's immediate destination? ([15:25](#))
373. What was Paul taking to Jerusalem? ([15:26](#))
374. What had the Jews done for the Gentiles? ([15:27](#))
375. How did Paul explain why Gentiles should give financial assistance to Jews in Jerusalem? ([15:27](#))
376. What would Paul bring with him when he visited Rome? ([15:29](#))
377. For what did Paul ask the people to pray? ([15:30-32](#))
378. With what benediction did Paul close his request? ([15:33](#))