

GCFSM SUNDAY

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LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER

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In the previous sections, Paul exhorted both strong and weak believers to mutually respect and accept one another (Romans 14:1-12), and for the strong to limit the exercise of their Christian liberty for the sake of the weak (14:13-23). In this third section, Paul instructed the strong to follow the example of Christ of not pleasing Himself in order to preserve the harmony among believers (15:1-6), and for both strong and weak to freely accept each other for God's glory (15:7-13).

The strong have the obligation to bear the weaknesses of the weak particularly in matters of conscience and convictions. The strong must not insist on his own rights but rather be considerate for the spiritual benefit of the weak. Paul quoted Psalm 69:9 to assert how Christ set the example of sacrificing His divine rights and voluntarily bore upon Himself man's hostilities toward God (15:1-3).

Paul justified his exhortation to the believers by citing the value of Scriptures. The Scriptures were given to provide believers endurance and encouragement in order that they might have hope (15:4).

Paul prayed for God, who is the source of endurance and encouragement, to enable

the believers to live in harmony with one another. They must have unity in the essential doctrines but allow diversity in personal convictions. For differences in personal convictions, they must learn to love, respect, and accept each other for the sake of glorifying God (15:5-6).

Paul exhorted the strong and the weak to accept one another as Christ has accepted them. Christ became a servant of the Jews to show God's faithfulness to fulfill His promises and for the gentiles to glorify God for the salvation they received. Again, Paul cited Old Testament passages to validate his point concerning Christ, the Promised Messiah (15:7-12).

Paul ended this section with a benediction for the God of hope to fill the hearts of the believers with joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit so they will abound in hope (15:13).

In this sermon, we will learn how to live in harmony with one another for the glory of God, despite differences in personal convictions.✱



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**
Enlisting Ministry
Nov. 19, 2022 | Library
10:00 - 11:30 AM
- **MARRIAGE AND MONEY**
Couples Who Care Ministry
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