

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"What Would Jesus Do?"
Romans 15:1-13
Study-41

Colossians 1:15 image – Greek word *"icon"* which means *"image or representation"*

Hebrews 1:3

Romans 14:1-15:13 Christian Freedom And Love:

Romans 14:1-12 Acceptance: The Weak

Romans 14:13-23 Walking In Love: The Strong –

This Morning - **Romans 15:1-13 What Would Jesus Do?**

Thought of Our Passage: "Jesus Christ Is Our Example For Sacrificial Living And In His Impartial Acceptance Of All"

1. Verses 1-6 The Ministry Of Jesus Was Sacrificial

2. Verses 7-13 The Ministry Of Jesus Was Impartial

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Romans 15:1 Now Paul has been speaking about how we as Christians are not to judge one another but judge ourselves. **Romans 14:22-23**

JB Phillips Romans 15:1 We who have strong faith ought to shoulder the burden of the doubts and qualms of others and not just to go our own sweet way.

we who are strong - Paul identifies who the strong are, Paul is included in *"the spiritually strong"* Those that have become spiritually mature in Christian faith.

ought - This word means *"to have a debt"* This is something that must be done.

to bear This idea of **bear the weaknesses** speaks of *"the idea of removal, to lift, to bear, to carry, to take up, tolerate, support"*

and not just please ourselves. - *"self-centered, self-seeking"*

Our Rights Are Far Less Important Than Our Obligations:

Mark 10:42-45

Romans 15:2 Each of us - This instruction is meant for all followers of Jesus

please his neighbor for his good, - "Neighbor-pleasing"
Leviticus 19:18 you shall love your neighbor as yourself;
Romans 13:9

Galatians 1:10; Ephesians 6:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:4

to his edification. - (Opposite of Demolition) This is the idea of building up.

1 Peter 2:5

Romans 15:3 Why We Should Please Our Neighbor: For even Christ did not please Himself; sums up Christ's life and ministry,
Philippians 2:4-8
John 6:38

but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." Psalm 69:9; Isaiah 53:3

Romans 15:4

Scripture Is God's Curriculum: For whatever was written in earlier times - This is a reference to the OT Scriptures. **1 Corinthians 10:6, 11**

Scripture Has Contemporary Application: was written for our instruction, The Scriptures are the manual for the disciple of Jesus Christ.

"All Scripture is not written about me, but all Scripture is for me"

Holding To The Scriptures: that through perseverance
The idea of *staying under. That of suffering under something.*

Scriptures Encouragement: and the encouragement of the Scriptures accounts of Scripture that God is faithful.
Noah, Abraham, David, Paul

Hope Through The Scriptures: we might have hope.
This word **hope** *is a sure expectation of a future event.*
Romans 10:17

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God

Not some or most but all.

profitable for teaching, *Doctrine* (What Is Right)
for reproof, (What Is Not Right)

for correction, (How To Get Right)
for training in righteousness; (How To Stay Right)

Acts 6:1-7 Early church faced a temptation

Romans 15:5 Now may the God who gives perseverance
God is the one that can grant to us that "*Keeping Power, Staying Power*"

and encouragement That God has His ways of encouraging us!

grant you to be of the same mind with one another - Speaking of the same mind is not speaking of **uniformity**. God wants unity through **diversity**.

according to Christ Jesus; It is all about Jesus. That He is the model.

Romans 15:6 1 Peter 3:8-9

This is the goal as a Christian and as the Church that we might glorify Him in our lives. **One accord, you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Jesus is God, God is His Father! This is speaking of our worship!

2. Verses 7-13 The Ministry Of Jesus Was Impartial

Romans 15:7 Therefore,
What is the Therefore? *The stronger need to bear the weak and please those that are weak, build up each other that we are to be in unity, that we are to have one voice in bringing glory to God.*

accept one another, again about acceptance. **Romans 14:1**

Verses 7-9 Christ's Example: just as Christ also accepted us
We are to be accepting because Jesus accepted us. Jesus the example of acceptance!

to the glory of God. Jesus' acceptance of us was to bring praise to God!

Romans 15:8 become a servant (Minister) **to the circumcision**
Jesus came to the Jew as their Messiah. **Mark 10:5-6**

on behalf of the truth of God - That the message of salvation has not changed.

God Is Faithful To His Promise: to confirm the promises given to the fathers, This was not favoritism but God fulfilling his covenant, promise to Israel. **Galatians 3:16; 4:9-31**

Romans 15:9

“The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed.”

God’s Undeserved Mercy: and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; - It was God’s plan to reach the world through His people Israel. Who were faithless and the Gentiles of which were underserved.

Verses 9-12 OT Proof: as it is written, - Psalm 18:49; 2 Samuel 22:50 The Lord himself is praising the Father among the gentiles! God’s promise to Israel that the world would be blessed **Genesis 22:17-18; Galatians 3:8**

Romans 15:10 Again he says, Deuteronomy 32:43 "Rejoice, O nations, with His people; This is speaking about unity and judgment. Both Jews and Gentiles praising God together.

Romans 15:11 Psalm 117:1 - Gentiles, the entire world is called upon to praise God without direct connection to the Jews.

Romans 15:12 Isaiah 11:10 Isaiah says, "THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE, A description of a stump that appears to be dead. Then it sprouts and new growth appears. Messiah Jesus Christ the descendent of David

AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES, IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE." The Gentiles would see Jesus as the hope of the nations!

Verse 13 The Benediction Prayer Of Hope: Romans 15:13 God of hope - What a great name for God.

fill you with all joy and peace in believing, - Joy is that which is internal, and peace is that which comes from being right with God.

Application:

- 1.** The Example Of Jesus Was Not That Of Self-Seeking In Order To Please Himself. Jesus Sacrificially Took Our Reproaches And Gave Himself In Order That Sinners Would Be Saved:
- 2.** The Example Of Jesus’ Acceptance Of Both Jews And Gentiles Reveals That There Is No Partiality With God. God Desires All Men To Be Saved And Come To The Knowledge Of The Truth So That God Alone Would Be Glorified: