

**ROMANS | THE RIGHTIOUSNESS OF GOD**  
**ROMANS 1:6-13 | “We Belong to Jesus and Each Other”**  
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**I. We belong to Jesus (1:6-7)**

A. We are loved by God (v. 7a)

B. We are called to be saints (v. 7a)

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1. Be faithful in serving.
2. Be holy in character.

C. We have received grace and peace (7b)

**II. We belong to one another (1:8-13)**

**Romans 12:4–5** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Since we belong to one another we are to . . .

**A. Be thankful for one another (v. 8)**

- What might people be saying about your faith?
- Does your faith give others reason to praise God?
- Do you experience joy when we see the activity of God in others?
- Are you delighting in the saints of God?

**> Words of affirmation.**

**Proverbs 16:24** Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

**B. Pray for one another (vv. 9-10)**

**(1) Pray frequently with passion (v. 9c-10a)**

- How faithful are you in praying for other believers?
- What is hindering you from being a faithful intercessor?

This spiritual love will speak to Christ about a brother more than to a brother about Christ. It knows that the most direct way to others is always through prayer to Christ and that love of others is wholly dependent on the truth in Christ. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

## (2) Pray specifically with patience (v. 10b)

### C. Encourage one another (vv. 11-13)

#### (1) How can we encourage one another?

> **By humbly serving others with the purpose of strengthening their faith (v. 11).**

**Romans 16:25** Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

Who are the people in whom you are building a love for God and the gospel?

> **By humbly receiving encouragement to strengthen your faith (v. 12).**

- What difference would it make if you came here next Sunday consciously seeking to encourage others?
- Do you see others as a means of grace to strengthen you in your faith?

Since we believe “Fellowship Encourages Growth,” we must be committed to a purposeful pursuit of biblical fellowship. Coupled with Scripture and the Holy Spirit, fellowship in the church is God’s means for our growth.

#### (2) The result of gospel encouragement is spiritual fruit (v. 13).

**Colossians 1:9–10** And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

#### **Benediction**

**Hebrews 10:24–25** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.