

HARMONY

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Romans 15:1-6

A new goal must be built on previous goals

Goals for 2023

- Development Year
- God's Mission is to reconcile people through faith in Jesus and mobilize His church to reach people with the gospel and make disciples who follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Core Values
 1. Biblically Rooted
 2. Holy Spirit-Dependent
 3. Connected in Prayer
 4. Devoted Servants
 5. Engaged in Authentic Community
 6. Genuine Worshipers

Goal for 2024

- To live in harmony as a local church family for God's glory

Apostle Paul's Vision for the Church in Rome

- Paul didn't plant the church in Rome
- Church consisted of Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians
- Book of Romans - "constitution of the church"
- Foundational doctrines for Christianity
- Chapter 15 inspires us to live in harmony

3 INSPIRATIONS TOWARD HARMONY

1. Harmony happens when our motives are overcome by Christ's selfless nature (15:1-3)

Strength - a metaphor of being firmly established in faith in Christ with unwavering convictions and conscience

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Galatians 1:10

Selflessness to build others up in Christ

2. Harmony holds through hope supplied from God's Word (15:4-5)

Psalm 69:9

Hope (Romans 5:2-5)

Endurance (hypomonēs) - steadfastness in the face of adversity

Encouragement (paraklēseōs) - the act of exhortation and comfort

3. Harmony highly honors Christ (15:6)

"one mind and one voice" – oneness is unity that comes from the Holy Spirit, not uniformity from common interests

Harmony happens, holds true, and honors Christ when we glorify God with our oneness.

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