

“Growing and Glorifying as One”

Text: Romans 15:1-6

Scripture reading: II Peter 1:1-15

I. Unity of purpose – vv. 1-6

A) Bearing up... - vv. 1-2

-Principles of edification:

1. Pursuing the interests of others

2. Sacrificing self for others (Phil. 2:3-8)

3. Seeking the good of others

B) Following after... - vv. 3-4 (Ps. 69:9; Jn. 17:4-5; Is. 53:10)

C) Joining with... - vv. 5-6 (Jn. 15:5)

Conclusion: Nurturing interests in edification and unity

1. Nurture a passion for _____.

2. Nurture a zeal for _____.

3. Nurture a desire for the _____.

4. Nurture a love for _____.

“The unity of His servants is so much esteemed by God, that He will not have His glory sounded forth amidst discords and contentions.”

John Calvin; reformation theologian; 1509-1564

SERMON QUOTES:

A) Bearing up... - vv. 1-2

Kent Hughes,

“In God’s household strength denotes obligation. An unwillingness to forgo our rights for others indicates that we are not so ‘strong’ after all.”