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## Endurance, Encouragement &amp; Hope

So then let us *pursue* what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.  
Romans 14:19

## Healthy People Pleasing

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me. (Ps. 69:9)" <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:1 - 7

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.  
Galatians 6:1-2

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and *bore* our diseases (Is. 53:4)."  
Matthew 8:16-17

"Unity is a spirit that God must 'give you.' No method can create it; it is from him. And it comes from a common following of Christ. God gives it 'as you follow Christ Jesus.' This *real* unity does not come when we seek it directly. Rather, it is a byproduct of seeking something other than unity; namely, seeking to follow Christ."

– Dr. Timothy Keller, *Romans For You* (2014)

## Everlasting Hope

<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup> And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:8 - 13

"The word hope I take for faith; and indeed, hope is nothing else but the *constancy of faith*."

– John Calvin, *Commentary on the Epistles* (2007)