



Five Dimensions Of Gospel Unity

Romans 15:1-33

Unity is not uniformity. It is blood-bought by the Son of God, yet all too rare in churches and families. The huge gaps between Jews & Romans, women & men, slaves & free drew some serious lines of difference. Christ reveals divisions that can blow up Gospel work, or pull us deeper:

#1 L_____m VS Grace (1-2)

#2 Old VS _____ (3-4)

#3 My People VS A_____s (8-13)

#4 S_____I-Mode VS G_____I-Mode (14-21)

#5 P_____s VS Plans (22-33)

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*We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." ⁴ 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. ⁵ **May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore accept one another as Christ has accepted you, for the glory of God.***

⁸ 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, ⁹ 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."

¹⁰ And again it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³ 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...

¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed...and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation

²² This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you... I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. ²⁵ At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.

²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem....

³⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,

³¹ that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea