



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Aloha!** Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know us better, please visit the welcome table.

**Nursery and Kids' Church** are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

**Communion** today.

Please give towards the **Hurricane Ian disaster relief**. Please see Bill Quinlan.

**Special Business Meeting** for members this Thurs, Oct 13 at 5:30 pm. Dessert and decaf coffee provided.

Members are invited to **submit nominations** for the Elder and Deacon Teams for 2023/24.

**Fall Equipping Class** - Culture Clash starts Wed, Oct 19 at 6 to 7:30 pm. Contact Andrew.

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

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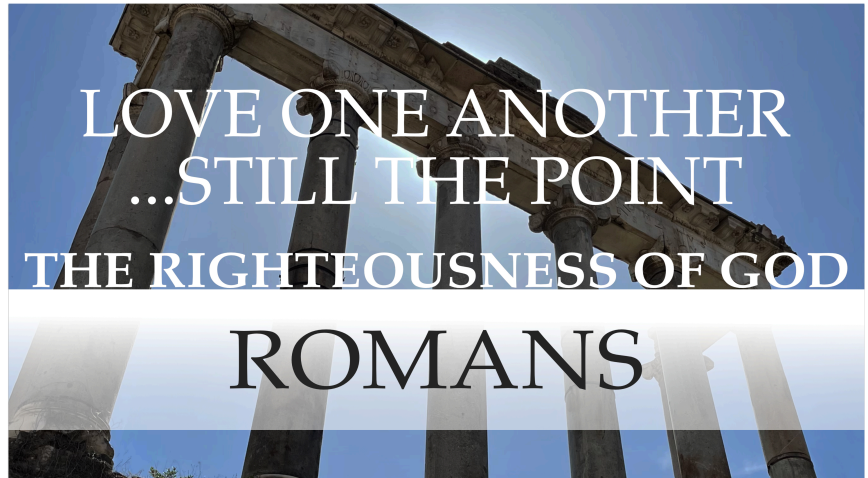
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**Romans 14:1-15:13 (focus on 15:1-13)**

**Big Idea:** Authentic Christian love is absolutely stunning. Paul writes in order to make it less rare. He wants us to understand that those of us loved by God, who have Jesus' love flowing through us, happily and radically love others.

### When Christian Consciences Clash, continued...

Points that Paul makes about clashing Christian consciences:

- 15:1-6 —
  
- 15:7-13 —

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## GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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**Romans 12-16** — how the righteous God empowers all those He has declared righteous through faith to express their unique relationship with Him in and through their daily lives.

**Romans 14:1–15:13 (focus on chapter 15)**

1. From last time — How would you summarize Romans 14:1–15:7 in a single sentence?
2. Share some of the privileges and some of the responsibilities of Christians.
3. How does pleasing our neighbors to build them up differ from “people pleasing”?
4. How would you describe people who live to please themselves? Share an example from Scripture of Jesus not living to please Himself?
5. How does a “spirit of unity” differ from uniformity or agreement on all matters? With what groups or individuals do you struggle to uphold unity?
6. How does Christian unity glorify God? (see also 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:1-16; Colossians 1:15-20)
7. Why is it important for believers to accept other believers? How does Christ’s acceptance of you help you in accepting others?
8. Which Old Testament verses are quoted in Romans 15:9-12? What is the subject of these quotations?
9. What is the significance of Paul using Old Testament references to illustrate unity between the Jews and Gentiles in Christ?
10. How does this understanding help you re-evaluate fellow believers with whom you struggle to be unified?
11. What is the relationship between trust and hope? (see also 1 Timothy 1:1; Hebrews 6:18-19; 11:1)
12. What does the relationship between trust and hope teach you about God? How does this comfort or challenge you?

**Fall 2022 Equipping Class: Culture Crisis — Is it time for the Church to Change?**

Wednesday evenings 6-7:30pm, Grace Pavilion (starting October 19, 2022)

**“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” (Colossians 4:5-6)**

This Fall 2022, we are tackling some of the topics from culture that we believe are impacting the Church and Christian thinking the most. These topics offer us an opportunity to reflect on the culture inside and outside the Church and to assess our beliefs, our priorities, our history, and how we, as a Church, continue to move forward.

Some teaching and discussion on topics such as...

- Politics — Should the Church be fully involved in politics or stay out of it completely?
- Ashamed in Church — Is addiction a disease or a choice?
- Media — Is media a helpful guide or a distorted voice in seeing Truth?
- Cancel Culture — Will the Church be a target or the antidote?
- Progressive Christianity — Is it a needed bridge to the next generation or a dangerous view of faith?
- Other possible topics: Abortion, Sex, Gender Identity, Immigration, Racism, Wealth