

Week 28 – Gospel-Centered Unity – Part 2

- 1) Do Not Do Something That Will Hinder Another Christian's Spiritual Growth
 - 2) Don't Distress The Weaker Christian Because Christ Died For Them
 - 3) Put Others First
 - 4) Welcome One Another As Christ Welcomed You
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Scripture: [Romans 14:13-15:13](#)

¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another ^{anymore}, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.

The Law of Love

¹⁴ I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that *there is* nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. ¹⁵ Yet if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For he who serves Christ in ^{these things} *is* acceptable to God and approved by men.

¹⁹ Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may ^{edify} another. ²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed *are* pure, but *it is* evil for the man who eats with ^{offense}. ²¹ *It is* good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles ^{or is offended or is made weak}. ²² ^{Do you have faith?} Have *it* to yourself before God. Happy *is* he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. ²³ But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does not eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is ^{sin}.

Bearing Others' Burdens

¹⁵ We then who are strong ought to bear with the ^{scruples} of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to ^{edification}. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." ⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the ^{patience and comfort of the Scriptures} might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glorify God Together

⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. ⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written:

“For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name.”

¹⁰ And again he says:

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!”

¹¹ And again:

“Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!”

¹² And again, Isaiah says:

“There shall be a root of Jesse;
And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles,
In Him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.