

ROMANS

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REVIEW & USE Romans 14 & 15

Review (Romans 14:1-12)

How should we address disputable matters with other believers?

We treat those we disagree with in light of their relationship with God (14:1-4)

1. We offer them loving companionship, not frivolous debate (14:1).
2. We avoid negative attitudes by viewing them as God does (14:2-3).
3. We trust in God's ability to strengthen them (14:4).

We develop personal convictions based on Christ's Lordship (14:5-9).

1. We weigh these issues and come to committed conclusions (14:5).
2. Our desire to esteem Christ forms our convictions (14:6).
3. We acknowledge our mutual subjection to Christ's Lordship (14:7-9).
4. We mind our attitudes because we will explain them to Jesus (14:10-12).

Review (Romans 14:13-23):

How should stronger believers use their freedoms around the weaker?

1. They determine not to impose their freedom of conscience as the "correct" standard (14:13).
2. They love sacrificially by willingly forgoing freedoms to benefit their brother (14:14-15).
3. They exercise their freedom in light of the unsurpassed value of Christ and His kingdom (14:16-19).
4. They navigate the tension of the stronger/weaker dynamic (14:20-21).
5. They must, in every situation, be responding to their God personally (14:22-23).

Review (Romans 15:1-6):

How do the strong help unite the body of Christ?

1. They must support the weak – even at personal cost (15:1).
2. They must focus on the personal growth of the weak (15:2).
3. Christ's sufferings exhibit such strength (15:3).
4. His strength is ours through the Scriptures (15:4).
5. God provides ability and motivate for unity (15:5).
6. Such unity reveals God (15:6).

Review (Romans 15:7-13):

A Vibrant Hope – Faith Produces Loving Harmony

- A. The grand comparison: like Christ, we also treat others as family (7).
- B. The grand sacrifice: Christ came to serve us (8a).
- C. The grand achievement: Christ's service extends to all (8b-12).
 1. His achievements first were promised to Abraham.
 2. He achieved for the Jewish people access to God (15:8b).

3. He achieved for the Gentile people access to God (15:9a).
4. His achievements have always been part of His plan (15:9b-12).
5. The grand expectation: living faith produces vibrant hope (15:13).

Review (Romans 15:14-21):

Paul's Blueprint for a Lifetime of Fruitful, Satisfying Ministry (Part 1)

1. An effective servant shows intentional commitment to defined goals (15:14-16).
2. An effective servant experiences both satisfaction and humility (14:17-19).
3. An effective servant understands how and where their gifting will be most effective (15:20-21).
4. An effective servant keeps proper priorities.

Review (Romans 15:22-33):

Paul's Blueprint for a Lifetime of Fruitful, Satisfying Ministry (Part 2)

1. Stay mission-minded on what you are called to do (15:23).
2. Enjoy the process and the evidence of God's kindness (15:25).
3. Remember that service runs both ways (15:28-29).
4. United resolve in praying for one another benefits all involved (15:29b-30).
5. Through prayer we seek God to provide both protection and delight (15:31).
6. These two areas (protection and delight) will make our reunion so much better (15:32).

Now What?

- Reread Romans 14 & 15 today
- Identify any words or concepts that aren't clear (study, ask, or write for clarification)
- Visit the Gospel Project site to review the 99 Essential Doctrine
(gospelproject.com/wp-content/uploads/tgp2018/2018/03/99-Essentials-Booklet.pdf)
- Write down one action step from each of the six sections we reviewed in Romans 14 & 15
- Create a daily prayer schedule
 - When do you pray?
 - How do you pray?
 - Where do you pray?
 - For whom/what do you pray?
 - What hinders your prayer life?
 - How will you address this hindrance?
- Commit to a daily, regular time to pray alone and with someone else (by phone/FaceTime/etc.)
- Memorize Romans 15:13

SONGS

"God Is For Us" – James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Kleyn, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves
 "Marvelous Light" – Charlie Hall

"Rock of Ages" – Thomas Hastings, Augustus Montague Toplady

"The Blessing" – Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$47,311.00
 WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,064,679.00
 YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,084,349.00