The Righteousness of God
Life Together
(In the Body of Christ)

Romans 15:1-7 (ESV)
[1] 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 welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

1) Our obligation (v. 1-2):

2) Our example (v. 3):

3) Our guide (v. 4):

 The Scriptures are …

 Best understood in …

 Are amazingly contemporary …

 Are valuable in …

 Are focused on …

 Are imminently practical …

4) Our power (v. 5-6):

5) Our aim (v. 7):

The Big Picture

Romans 15:8-12 (ESV)

[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 is said, "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."

The reason our church exists – and every other true, biblically faithful church exists – is to …

This means (at least) that we …

A Doxology:

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

[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.

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