

BEING UNITED TOGETHER TO GLORIFY GOD

(Romans 15:4-6)

A. The Christian's Personal Responsibility when it Comes to Individual Liberties (14:1-12)

B. Some Specific Applications Regarding Christian Liberties (14:13-18)

C. Using Your Liberties for Peace and Unity (14:19-15:3)

1. The content of this passage deals with personal Christian liberty.
 - a. These areas of the Christian life are neither specifically _____ or _____ in the Word of God.
 - b. These are areas where each believer has the liberty from the Lord to be personally and individually _____ in his/her own _____.
 - c. These differences between believers exist because of different _____ and because they are at different stages of spiritual _____.

D. In relation to our Liberties We Ought to be Patient and Encouraging (15:4-6)

1. The phrase "*whatever things were written before*" refers to the Old Testament Scriptures.
 - a. The Scriptures were written for our "*learning*" (*didaskalia*), our _____ in doctrine. (v. 4a, cf. 1 Cor. 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - b. The Scriptures bring "*patience*" (*hupomone*), a _____, a perseverance, an _____ under pressure. (v. 4b)
 - c. The Scriptures give "*comfort*" (*paraklesis*), _____, consolation, _____ and relief. (v. 4c)

- d. Through the Scriptures we can have “*hope*” (*elpis*), which in the biblical sense is a _____ . (v. 4d, cf. Heb. 11:1)
2. Two things that are very needed among the “_____” (mature) and the “_____” (immature) in all churches is “*patience and comfort*”, which come from the _____ of God through the _____ of God. (v. 5a)
3. The encouragement a Christian receives from the Scriptures can have a _____ effect on one’s interpersonal _____; it is God’s desire that _____ believers would “*be like-minded toward one another.*” (v. 5b, cf. Philip. 2:1-2, 19-22; 1 Pet. 3:8)
- * Is being of *the same mind* the same thing as seeing “eye to eye” on food or drink?
4. Our like-mindedness is to be according to the _____ or _____ of Christ Jesus. (v. 5c, cf. John 15:11-12; Philip 2:2-5; Col. 2:8)
5. All of this is with the intended _____ or purpose to _____ as “*one mind and one mouth*” to glorify the Lord. (v. 6)

* How can you begin to apply this truth in your own life?