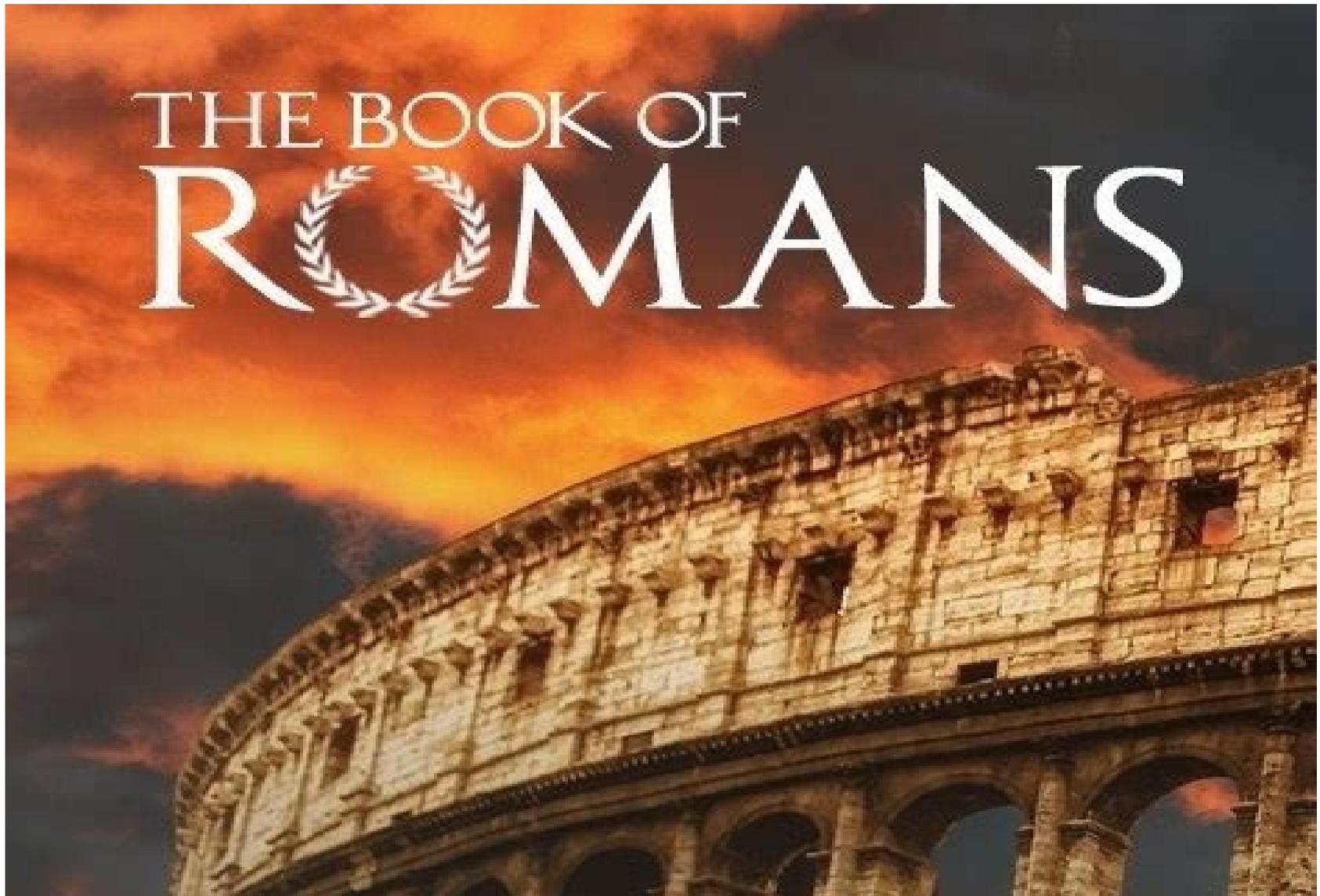


Rom 15:5-8 Glorifying God By Having Unity of Mind





Overview Chps. 14 and 15*

The folly of judging one another 14:1-12

The evil of offending one another 14:13-23

The importance of pleasing one another 15:1-6

The importance of accepting one another 15:7-13

Conclusion – Paul’s Ministry in Rome 15:14-33

Two key words in Rom 15:4-6



perseverance - *hypomonē* - steadfastness, endurance

- The verbal form is ***hupomenō***, "to remain [abide] under," thus, to remain under trials in a God-honoring way so as to learn the lesson they are sent to teach,*
- rather than attempt to get out from under them in an effort to be relieved of their pressure. * Wuest

encouragement - *paraklēsis* - "a calling to one's aid"
(para, "by the side," *kaleō*, "to call"),

- The act of exhortation, encouragement, comfort.*
- All of Scripture is actually a *paráklēsis*, an exhortation, admonition or encouragement for the purpose of strengthening and establishing the believer in the faith.*

* Zodhiates

Today's Verses



- ⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of **the same mind** with one another according to Christ Jesus,
- ⁶ so that with **one accord you may with one voice** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁷ Therefore, **accept one another**, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.
- ⁸ For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers.

Now - de – Paul's desire **Rom 14:5-6**



the God
of **perseverance**
and
encouragement

give
[grant]
to you

“to think/to mind”
the same thing
among one another
according to
Christ Jesus

that
[purpose]

you [all] may
glorify

unanimously
in/with
one mouth

the God and
Father of our
Lord
Jesus Christ

- perseverance and encouragement come to us through the Scriptures [v:4] and they also describe God's character
- **to** [continually] **think** - *phroneō* - to be minded in a certain way

⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,



Now the God of [the] perseverance and [the] encouragement

Interlinear

- perseverance and encouragement come to us through the Scriptures, but they are [spiritual] gifts from God*
- Paul wished [desired] that all his readers, the strong and the weak, would appropriate these gifts *Constable
- This is the complete subject of this sentence (verses 5-6)
- Paul's prayer is one on "indirect discourse" where he is telling the hearer what he praying to God about. Merryman

5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,



give to you to think the same thing among one another according to Christ Jesus Interlinear

give to you – grant to you (main verb with modifiers)

to think - *phroneō* - to be minded, to fix the mind upon*

- *phroneo* is an infinitive that completes the verb*
- Paul is telling his hearer what he is praying to God about*
- the object of the infinitive [**to think**] is **the same thing***
- So Paul is praying that they [strong/weak] will fix their mind on **the same thing***

among one another – it's among the body of believers

- the priority is the building up of one another *Merryman

⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,



according to Christ Jesus

according to – *kata* – is a preposition that expects a norm or a standard*

- so we see that this norm or standard is Christ Jesus

some examples these norms or standards:*

- Christ always did the will of the Father
- Christ was always glorifying the Father

related verses:

- Rom 12:16a Be of **the same mind** toward one another
- Phil 2:2a make my joy complete by being of **the same mind**

⁶ that with one accord with [in] one mouth you may glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Interlinear



that – with a purpose that

with one accord - *homothymadon* - from *homōs*, "same,"
thymos, "mind"

same mind = unanimously*

with [in] one mouth – the collective body of believers

unanimously in one mouth*

- But you first must be minded in the same way according to Christ Jesus*
- The Christian life has to do with your mind [what you think]*
- Knowing who you are in Christ is critical
- What you do flows out of who you are*

that you all may glorify unanimously in one mouth the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

*Merryman

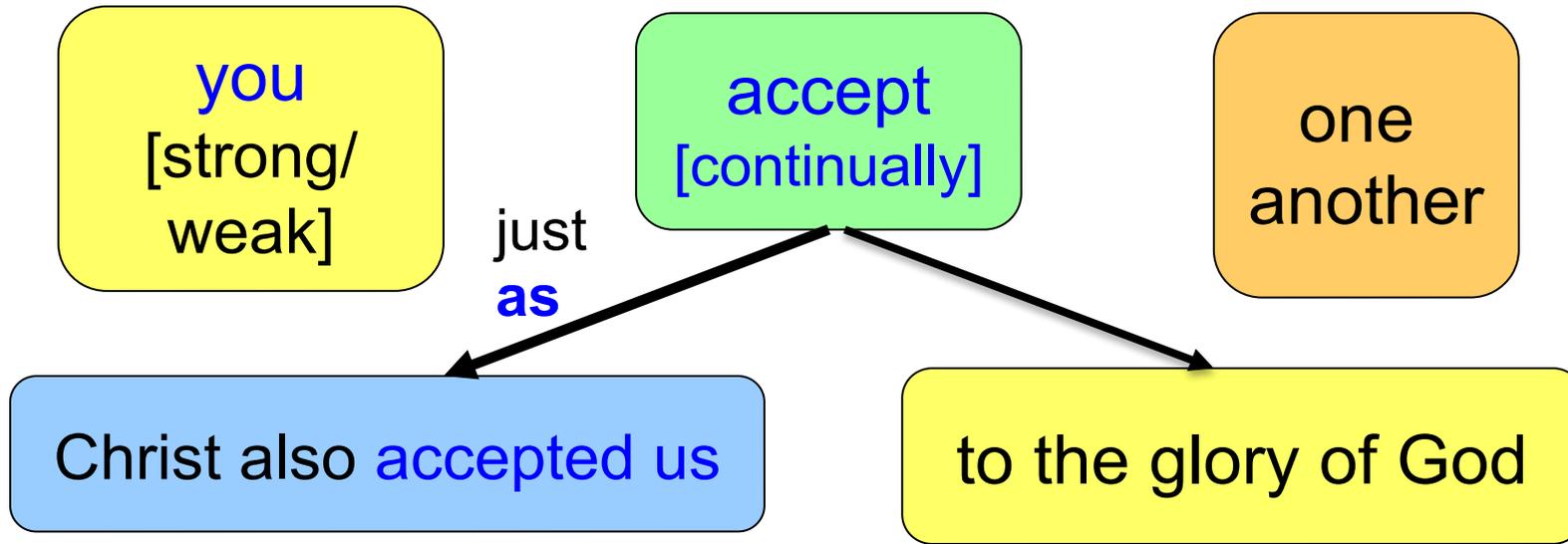


other verses on being **one/same minded**:

- Acts 1:14a These [the disciples +] all **with one mind** were continually devoting themselves to prayer.
- Acts 15:25 it seemed good to us [the apostles], **having become of one mind**, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul.
- Rom 12:16 Be of **the same mind** toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- 1 Cor 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in **the same mind** and in the same judgment.

therefore - *dio* – Paul's conclusion

Rom 15:7



- Rom 14:1 Now **accept** the “one who is weak” in [the] faith, *but* not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.
- Paul now says **accept** “one another” after giving us the teaching on the strong and the weak brother.

⁷ Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.



Therefore – Paul now looks back to Rom14:1

- Paul will use the same verb as in Rom14:1

[you] **accept** - *proslambanō* – lit: to take to oneself

- present tense continuous action
- imperative – God’s will
- middle voice – for your own benefit
- signifying a special interest on the part of the receiver, suggesting a welcome Vine
- a warm and tender welcome Molloy

one another – strong or weak believer

- mutually receiving in fellowship Merryman

7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.



just as – *kathós* - in a causal sense, "**as**," i.e., even as or inasmuch as

- lit: in like manner

Merryman

Christ also accepted us [believers]

accepted - *proslambanō* – lit: to take to oneself

- This looks to the event [aorist tense] of Christ's death on the cross
- Thayer, defining this word says:
 - God and Christ are said to have received those who, formerly were estranged from them,
 - they [estranged] have been reunited to God and Christ by the blessings of the gospel

to the glory of God

For – gar - the reason for what has been before

Rom 15:8



I [Paul] say

Christ

has become [ginomai]

a servant

so as to

on behalf of

the truth of God

to the Circumcision [Israel]

confirm the promises given to the Fathers

- Matt 15:24 But He [Christ] answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
- Verse 8 is a summary of Christ's earthly ministry

McCalley

Final Thoughts*



Let this mind [*phroneo*] be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus Phil 2:5

- The first word of this injunction, *let [have this]*, is especially illuminating:
- It [*let*] suggests that the outworking of the mind of Christ will be produced in the believer by Another [Holy Spirit],
- and that the believer's responsibility is that of letting, allowing the mind of Christ via God's Word.
- Such an exalted mind can never be produced by the believer, nor maintained by him.

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