

# Building Up One Another

Lesson 4 • Taken from a Study by Gene Getz

Live in harmony with one another (Rom. 15:5)

- A healthy church family is a body of believers who are:  
Members of One Another  
Devoted to One Another  
**Living in Harmony with One Another**
- The Context of Rom. 15:5 ...
  - Romans 14 deals with the conflict between those believers who are characterized as \_\_\_\_\_ and those who are described as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The terms are used in relation to the believer's \_\_\_\_\_ (14:1) and his/her perception of the full \_\_\_\_\_ their faith gives them in Christ.
  - The “strong” are told to “bear with” the \_\_\_\_\_ (“failings” [NIV, NET & ESV]) of those who are without strength.
  - In matters of conscience (Rom. 14), the \_\_\_\_\_ are obligated to take the initiative in handling the issue of division within the local church family.
  - Strictly speaking, these “matters of conscience” flow from (are the direct implications of) a believer’s understanding of \_\_\_\_\_.

*What “matters of conscience” might Paul point to in our day that tend to cause division within the church family?*

- The “strong” are specifically commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ others for their \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 10:24 & 33) – they bear a characteristic responsibility of initiation.

*“...what is called for here is not “a weak compliance with the wishes of others”. It is rather a determined adjustment to whatever will contribute to the spiritual good of the other person.” (Hodge in Expositor’s Bible Commentary)*

- The “strong” are to be God-like in their \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_ toward those who are “weak” in their faith (susceptible to turning back).
- The purpose is stated in vs. 6 ... that the entire church family may be unified in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...the consummate purpose of unity is not to please other believers but to glorify God. (MacArthur Study Bible)*

*The struggle between the weak and strong is but one of the ways harmony in the local church can be harmed ... can you think of any others that we should keep a sharp eye out for?*

- What does all this mean to CLBC?
  - Harmony is not \_\_\_\_\_ ... it’s \_\_\_\_\_!  
John 17:20-23  
Romans 12:16  
Ephesians 4:1-7  
Ephesians 4:11-13  
Colossians 3:14
  - Harmony does not require everyone to exhibit the same level of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ or to reach the same \_\_\_\_\_ in every non-moral, non-doctrinal area.

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