

BUILDING EACH OTHER UP IN A LOVING CHURCH [PT 2]



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6:00 PM service

III. WHY WE ARE TO BUILD UP EACH OTHER

Romans 15:1-13

Rom 15:1

15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. KJV

Rom 15:1

15:1 Even if we believe that it makes no difference to the Lord whether we do these things, still we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves; for we must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others-of those who feel these things are wrong. TLB

Romans 15:2 Let everyone of us please his neighbor for his good to edification (build him up in the Lord.)(KJV)

Rom 15:2

Let's please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord. TLB

In the first part of the next chapter, **Romans 15**, he talks about why we are to build each other up. He gives us the responsibility, the reason and the results.

1. THE RESPONSIBILITY (vs. 1-2) Gal. 6:1-2, 1 Thess. 5:11)

Rom 15:1-2

15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. KJV

Gal 6:1-2

6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.KJV

Gal 6:1-3

6:1 Dear brothers, if a Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong.
2 Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command. TLB

1 Thess 5:11

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. KJV

1 Thess 5:11

1 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. NLT

- 1.) **JOB DESCRIPTION.**
- 2.) **LIFT THEM UP.**
- 3.) **ENCOURAGE THEM.**

First the Responsibility. V. 1 "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his own good, to build him up."

That's a responsibility. If you're a Christian, part of your job description is to build up other Christians. If you're not doing that, you're not fulfilling part of your job description. It is our responsibility. **Galatians 6:1-2** says that when a brother falls, we're to bear with them. **We're to lift them up and encourage them.**

2. THE REASON (vs. 3-4)

Rom 15:3-4

3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Rom 15:3

3 Christ didn't please himself. As the Psalmist said, "He came for the very purpose of suffering under the insults of those who were against the Lord."

TLB

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4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. KJV

Rom 15:4

4 These things that were written in the Scriptures so long ago are to teach us patience and to encourage us so that we will look forward expectantly to the time when God will conquer sin and death. TLB

a. The example of Christ. **"I CAME TO SERVE NOT TO BE SERVED."**

b. The teaching of Scripture. **“THEY ENCOURAGE US TO BE THAT WAY.”**

The reason for it is in v. 3-4 “For even Christ did not please Himself. As it is written, ‘The insults of those who have insulted you have fallen on Me.’ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us through the endurance and encouragement of Scripture, we might have hope.”

He says here there are **two reasons why we need to build each other up.**

First, the example of Christ. Jesus didn’t please Himself. If you want to be like Christ, then you need to learn to please other people. That’s not being a people-pleaser but being a non-stumbling block. Not being a stumbling block. He’s talking about putting their needs ahead of your own, being a servant. How do you know if you’ve got a servant’s heart? Simple: How do you react when people treat you like a servant? That’s the acid test. When people treat you like a servant and you get uptight, you don’t have a servant’s heart. Jesus said, **“I came to serve not to be served.”** We want to be Christlike.

The second reason is the teaching of scripture. They encourage us to be that way.

3. THE RESULTS (vs. 5-13)

Rom 15:5-13

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: KJV

Rom 15:5

5 May God who gives patience, steadiness, and encouragement help you to live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward the other. TLB

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6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. KJV

Rom 15:6

6 And then all of us can praise the Lord together with one voice, giving glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. TLB
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7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. KJV

Rom 15:7

7 So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified. TLB

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8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: KJV

Rom 15:8

8 Remember that Jesus Christ came to show that God is true to his promises and to help the Jews. TLB

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9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. KJV

Rom 15:9

9 And remember that he came also that the Gentiles might be saved and give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote: "I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing to your name." TLB

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10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. KJV

Rom 15:10

10 And in another place, "Be glad, O you Gentiles, along with his people the Jews." TLB

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11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. KJV

Rom 15:11

11 And yet again, "Praise the Lord, O you Gentiles; let everyone praise him." TLB

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12 And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. KJV

Rom 15:12

12 And the prophet Isaiah said, "There shall be an Heir in the house of Jesse, and he will be King over the Gentiles; they will pin their hopes on him alone." TLB

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13 Now the God of hope fill you with all **joy** and **peace** in believing, that ye may abound in **hope**, through the **power** of the Holy Ghost. KJV

Rom 15:13

13 So I pray for you Gentiles that God who gives you hope will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. I pray that God will help you overflow with hope in him through the Holy Spirit's power within you. TLB

✚ The Church is unified! **a spirit of unity.**

✚ God is glorified! **By four marks in the church.**

Four Marks of a Unified Church of Love v.13

1. **JOY.**
2. **PEACE.**
3. **HOPE.**
4. **POWER.**

The Result of building each other up. V. 5+ "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ."

That's the result – **a spirit of unity.** The church is unified "So with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

That's the second result.

God is glorified because unity brings glory to God.

- ✚ When Christians are divided, it's a bad testimony to the world.
- ✚ When Christians are united, it's a beautiful testimony.



When the leadership of this church, setting in this room, is unified, it is **a testimony to the world.**

Accept other people as Christ accepted us, which he says in **v. 7**, "Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you in order to bring praise to God."

without parading it. How did Christ accept us? Unconditionally. Nonjudgmentally. To accept each other as Christ accepted us means to accept them in the way that Christ accepts you. It is not based on performance.

v. 13 are **four marks of a unified church.** (NIV) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

These four words – the four marks of the unified church:

1) Joy; 2) Peace; 3) Hope; 4) Power.

That's the kind of church I want to be a part of. That's the kind of church PVBC is. PVBC is not a perfect church but it is a healthy church. My kids aren't perfect, but they're healthy. No church, no child, no person will ever be perfect. But we do have a healthy church and it's growing in joy and peace and hope and power.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I thank You for these people whom You love, whom You died for. Father, it is my prayer that at PVBC church we will be so committed to building each other up that the world will take notice and that the church will be unified in love and that it will bring glory to You. We pray that our church will be filled with joy, peace, and hope, and power. Teach us to recognize the value of every individual. Teach us to keep our focus on what's really important. To be willing to limit our liberty out of love for others. To not force our opinions on

each other in areas that aren't clearly stated in Your word. Help us to live by faith and help us, like Christ, to be interested in doing what's good for others and not just seek what's best for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Conclusion

So, do you have a problem accepting others just like they are? When they are different from you, you have an obligation to love them and to reach out to them with a Christlike love and compassion. May God help us as a church to realize that glorifying God, getting men to Jesus and growing my brother in Christ is the most important activity that I can engage in as a believer. Nothing is more honoring to the Lord than these things. May they take their rightful place as the head of our priorities! If there are issues in your life that have been exposed this evening, I challenge you to get to this altar and use it to get those things settled with Jesus. If you really have a burden for this church and for its future, I challenge you to get in this altar and pray that the Lord will burden some of His people to be soul winners! It is the only hope we have!