

## ROMANS—Part 86

Romans 15:1-4

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1. Christ-exalting hope produces resolute biblical joy, which in turn yields patient endurance in difficulties.
2. If hope is foundational to enduring joy, what sustains hope? What keeps us hoping in Christ?
  - Prayer—God’s chosen method to develop and sustain hope
  - The Word of God—God’s chosen instrument to develop and sustain hope
3. We must see our future with Him as more satisfying than any other thing this world can offer.
4. *Romans 12:12* “Rejoicing in hope” is being satisfied with all that God is and will be for us.
5. If we do not give ourselves daily to prayer and to reading the Bible, we will be conformed to the world. Nature abhors a vacuum, so fill your mind with the things of God.
6. *15:1* These words are not a suggestion. Believers have a responsibility—an obligation—to follow Jesus’ example (1 John 2:6).
7. *15:1* The command is to the mature to voluntarily refrain from exercising their freedom in ways that might needlessly offend the consciences of less mature brothers and sisters in Christ.
8. *15:1* Paul was not speaking of compromising standards to gain acceptance; he was speaking of relinquishing personal liberties (1 Corinthians 9:19-22).
9. *15:2* Who is my neighbor? The one who is near me.
10. *15:2* The objective is to strengthen one another and to promote edification, even if it requires the sacrifice of some of our own well-being/pleasure/happiness.

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