

## WITH ONE HEART AND MOUTH GLORIFY GOD

Romans 14:1-15:13

Lesson 14

Key Verse 15:6

### \* WHEN CHRISTIANS DIFFER (14:1-12)

1. What should be the attitude of strong and knowledgeable Christians toward those whose faith is weak? (14:1; 15:1)
2. What are the 'disputable matters' about which Paul speaks? Why should Christians not dispute about these things? Why might the believers in Rome need these instructions?
3. How many times is the phrase "to the Lord" or its equivalent repeated in verses 4-12. What does it mean to do things, to hold convictions, to live or die "to the Lord"?
4. Why should we not judge our fellow Christians? What does verse 11 mean?

### ACT IN LOVE (13-23)

5. Instead of passing judgment on those with whom we disagree, what should we make up our minds to do? (13)
6. Why and how do we sometimes put stumbling blocks in the way of others? How should we regard our brothers? (15b) What difference does this make?
7. How did Paul regard "clean" and "unclean" foods? Why did he make concessions to those with different scruples? How can we please God in these matters? (14-17)
8. What does "mutual edification" mean? Why and how must we work for peace and mutual edification? (19-21)
9. What is the general rule of thumb about questionable matters? (22-23)

### ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU (15:1-13)

10. Whom should we try to please and what should be our guiding principle in pleasing him? What is the example of Jesus? What can we learn from the Scriptures to help us bear with others? (15:1-4)
11. What is Paul's prayer for a fellowship whose members have no human grounds for unity? How can we glorify God with one heart and mouth? (15:5,6)

12. Read 7-14. What has Christ done to join Jewish and Gentile Christians into one body? What does the Old Testament teach about God's purpose for the Gentiles? How and why does Paul emphasize hope?