

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

WE ARE ONE . . . OR ARE WE?

ROMANS 15:1-13



The Heart of the Matter

Writing to the church at Philippi, Paul cheered them on with the truth that in Christ they could find “encouragement . . . consolation of love . . . fellowship of the Spirit . . . affection and compassion” (Philippians 2:1). Because all of this was true, Paul then exhorted them to “make [his] joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose” (2:2). Great words, but just because we believe and say them doesn’t make them a reality. Being “united” or “one” means caring for one another, accepting one another, bending and adapting to make room for one another, and refusing simply to please ourselves just as Paul wrote in Philippians 2:3–4 and again in Romans 15:1–13 where he wrapped up his instruction on the value of true unity.



Discovering the Way

1. For the Sake of God’s Work . . . (Romans 14:21–23)

We must be considerate, be convinced, and be consistent.

2. Among God’s People . . . (Romans 15:1–7)

Paul gave a strong exhortation (Romans 15:1–2), provided a perfect illustration (15:3), wrote a scriptural instruction (15:4), and closed with a benediction and application (15:5–7).

3. Consider God’s Son . . . (Romans 15:8–12)

Paul reminded us of what Jesus became (Romans 15:8) and whom He served (15:8–13).

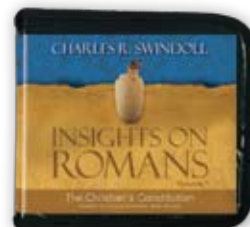


Starting Your Journey

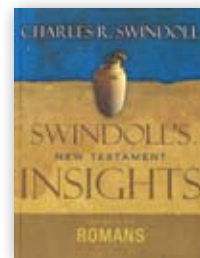
Because of God’s Son, we are filled with joy and peace, and we abound in triumphant hope (15:13).



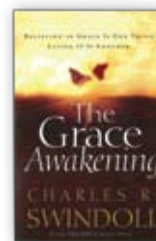
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