

Scripture medley



Romans 15:1-9

ONE: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

ALL: I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. . . . For when I am weak, then I am strong.

ONE: Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

ALL: No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

ONE: For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

ALL: "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. . . . As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world."

ONE: For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

ALL: And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

ONE: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other [as] Christ Jesus,

ALL: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,

ONE: So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

ONE: Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

ALL: For Jesus said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

ONE: For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

ALL: “I will bless those who bless you, . . . and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

(Romans 15:1-9, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, 1 Corinthians 10:24, John 15:18-19, Romans 5:5, Philippians 2:6-7, Ephesians 4:13; John 13:35, Genesis 12:3)