

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty Nine: Romans 15:1—13

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1. According to verse 1, what is the role of the stronger Christian towards the weaker?
2. Verse 2 says we are to please our neighbor. a) Does that mean we are to make our neighbor happy?

b) How does verse 2 define the way we are to please our neighbor?

c) Share a time (without naming specific people) when pleasing a neighbor according to verse 2's definition was for the good of that neighbor and didn't appear to bring him or her pleasure.
3. a) Who does Paul use as an example as motivation for helping the weaker person?

b) Paul says about Jesus that the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. Name as many ways as you can that Jesus exemplified taking insults when He didn't deserve them.
4. a) From verse 4, where does a person find endurance and encouragement that brings hope?

b) Can you share about a time or circumstance where this was true for you? Be specific and thorough.
5. Verse 5—7 speak of the importance of unity among Christians. a) Where have you caused disunity within the church?

b) Where have you been a source or spreader of gossip that could harm the unity of the church?

6. Verse 7 is a great verse that destroys prejudice. a) How would this verse destroy any prejudice you have?
- b) What are some of the prejudices present in our Christian world and how would this verse destroy them?
7. What were the promises of God given to the patriarchs spoken of in verse 8? Look up Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 13:14—17; Genesis 15:4—5; Genesis 17:16; Genesis 22:15—18; Genesis 25:23—24; Genesis 28:13—15 and Genesis 49:8—10 to help with your answer.
8. According to verses 8 & 9, why were the promises of God given to the Jews?
9. Paul quotes several Old Testament passages in verses 9—12. a) How do these verses prove that the promises of God were given for all people not just the Jews?
- b) Take each OT passage and state how it applies to the Gentiles.

Going Deeper:

10. If you are a Jew in this study, how has God used you to bless the Gentiles or a Gentile? If you are a Gentile, how have you been blessed by the Jews and why can you glorify God for His mercy?
11. According to verse 13, how do you become filled with all joy and peace?

If you do not know joy and peace, what can you do very specifically this week in order to experience hope? Name a specific situation and what you will do.