Romans 15 King James Version (KJV)

15 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (This verse is a continuation of the previous chapter 14)

(Be the better man. Be strong in your faith and a good example to others. Weather their weakness be physical or superstition)

²Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. (If it's possible. There are some people who are impossible to get along with. Don't be a second class citizen. Stand up for yourself and your family)

³For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. Psalms-69:9

⁴For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (God gave us the Bible for our education. It also gives us hope and peace of mind. Read it regularly and it will greatly improve your daily life)

NOTE: (Man only fears the unknown. When we learn the plan of God, we can live a peaceful and enjoyable life. We know what's coming. We understand why these events are happening. And we know that we will be victorious in the end, with God)

⁵Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: (HE was the example to us all. Jesus did it perfectly. We can't, but we can do our best. That's all that God asks of us)

⁶That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (A good Christian glorifies God by being a good example to others)

⁷Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. (Jesus served us with His teachings. We can serve others

by passing His teachings along. Jesus made Christianity open to anyone who wants to learn and join)

⁸Now I say that <u>Jesus Christ was a minister</u> of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: (To minister is to serve. Many preachers need to learn this verse)

⁹And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. Psalms-18:49

NOTES: (Over the centuries, many Gentiles have converted to Christianity. They do it because they see how happy and free we live our lives as Christians)

(Jesus said – learn the truth and the truth will set you free. HE was right, and other people see that in Christians) John-8:32

¹⁰ And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. Deuteronomy-32:43 (The song of Moses)

¹¹And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. (Praise the Lord = Hallelujah) Psalms-119:1

¹²And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

Isaiah-11:1

¹³ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace <u>in believing</u>, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (in believing – we need to have faith in God. If we do, hope and blessings follow)

¹⁴And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. (Encourage each other and keep yourself strong. Pass the Gospel along to those who want to learn)

¹⁵Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, (Grace is unmerited favor)

- ¹⁶That <u>I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles</u>, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. (That was the ministry that God assigned to Paul) Acts-9:15-16
- ¹⁷I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God. (And Paul fulfilled his ministry excellently)
- ¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,
- ¹⁹Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, <u>I have fully preached the gospel of Christ</u>. (Paul only taught God's Word; not his own)

(How many preachers today preach from their own sermons – written from their own imagination? Yet they never teach God's Word – chapter by chapter; verse by verse. The answer is – most of them) see Jeremiah-23:11, 23:16

- ²⁰Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: (Paul started new churches, because the existing churches were too set in their ways. They were mired in the traditions of men. They were unwilling to accept Jesus Christ's teachings) Romans-1:22
- ²¹ But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. (These are the people with open minds. They are the people who can learn) Isaiah-52:11-15

NOTE: (Christian churches today have accepted sexual perversion as a lifestyle. They do it to increase the membership. Yet God made it very clear that He is against that. They call Christians bigots because we choose to side with God and not with this corrupt world)

²²For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. (The established churches were the ones who mostly persecuted Paul. They tried many times to murder him. When they failed, they tried to frame him in the courts, so that the Romans would execute him)

(It was the established Jewish synagogue that framed Jesus with false witnesses. They coerced the Romans to crucify Him. That's murder – just as if they had done it themselves. Beware of established churches that preach their own traditions. They are the true enemy)

- ²³ But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;
- ²⁴Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.
- ²⁵But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.
- ²⁶ For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. (Paul was bringing the collected tithes to Jerusalem. He always supported the Christians in Jerusalem; even though they were not too friendly to him. They wouldn't forget that he had previously persecuted some of them. Paul paid dearly for his sins)
- ²⁷ It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. (Although tithes are carnal things, we need them to support the churched who are teaching spiritual things; not the churches who are teaching traditions of men)
- ²⁸ When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.
- ²⁹ And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.
- ³⁰Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; (Pray for me; pray for each other − that we may all succeed)
- ³¹ That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;) (People were constantly trying to kill or imprison Paul)

 $^{\rm 32}\textsc{That}\ I$ may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.