

## **Glorifying God When Christians Disagree**

### ***Romans 15:1-13 (p. #949 in Pew Bible)***

Key words and phrases in this **passage**:

- “strong” & “weak”
- “bear with” (“carry”)
- “failings” (“weaknesses”)
- “please”
- “build up” & “good”
- “it is written”
- “harmony”
- “one another”
- “glorify” & “glory”
- “welcome”
- “Gentiles”
- Trinitarian references to God’s actions and attributes

1. **God is \_\_\_\_\_ when Christians sacrificially \_\_\_\_\_ with one another through times of disagreement. (15:1-6)**

***Implication:*** Christians who are “stronger” on an issue must lovingly “build up” Christians who are “weaker” on the same issue with a spirit of ***sacrificial endurance and encouragement.***

***Application:*** Pursue ***Christlike harmony and humility*** with other Christians for the glory of God.

2. Christians share in abundant \_\_\_\_\_ when they sacrificially \_\_\_\_\_ one another through times of disagreement. (15:7-13)

**Implication:** Christians who are “stronger” on an issue must lovingly serve Christians who are “weaker” on the same issue with a spirit of **sacrificial joy and peace**.

**Application:** Pursue **Christlike faith and hope** with other Christians for the glory of God.

**BIG IDEA:** When you disagree with a brother or sister in Christ, sacrificially pursue the glory of God and their good.

### Questions

- How are you **welcoming** other Christians at Open Door Bible Church with whom you may disagree with about certain personal convictions?
- How are you seeking to **build up** Open Door Bible Church for its spiritual good and for God’s glory?
- Where do **you need God’s help** to improve in these areas? (We all need God’s help in these areas!)