

## Romans 15:1-7

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written,

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“The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.”<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

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<sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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For believers, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus gives shape to **EVERYTHING** that we say and do.

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The Gospel Message creates a Gospel Culture.

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## **Romans 5:8**

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

## Ephesians 3:17b-19

—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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# Romans 12:10a

Love one another with brotherly affection.



*Churches that do not exude humility, inclusion, peace, life, hope and honesty — even if they have gospel doctrine on paper, they undercut their own doctrine at a functional level, where it should count in the lives of actual people. Churches that are haughty, exclusive, contentious, exhausted, past-oriented and in denial are revealing a gospel deficit -Ray Ortlund*