

UNITY & MISSION

ROMANS 15:7-9a (NLT)

⁷ Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. 8 Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. ⁹ He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them.

ROMANS 15:13 (NLT)

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ I must go to Jerusalem to take a gift to the believers there. ²⁶ For you see, the believers in Macedonia and Achaia have eagerly taken up an offering for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem.

ROMANS 15:25-27 (NLT)

They were glad to do this because they feel they owe a real debt to them. Since the Gentiles received the spiritual blessings of the Good News from the believers in Jerusalem, they feel the least they can do in return is to help them financially.

GALATIANS 3:28 (NLT)

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Christians joined in close unity give special glory to God. So even if you are troubled and at odds with your brother or sister, remember that you will glorify your Master by letting go of your anger; if not for the sake of your brother or sister, at least be reconciled for the sake of the ideal of unity. Indeed, let this be the primary reason for being reconciled.

- John Chrysostom

WHY?

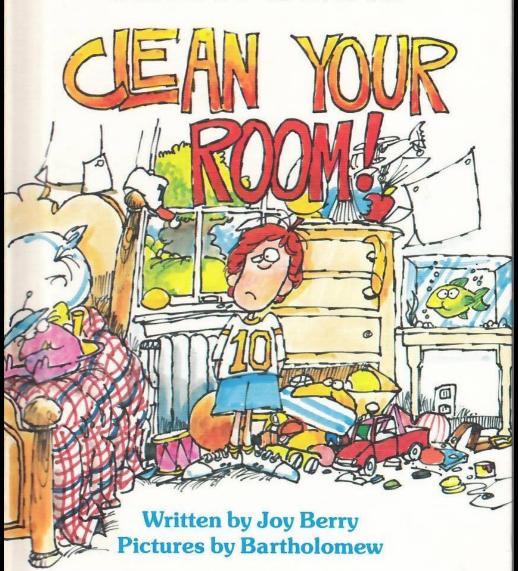
Gospel unity within the church and gospel mission to the world: these are two of the great themes of Romans, and two of the great passions of Paul's ministry.

- Tim Keller

¹⁴ I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them. ¹⁵ Even so, I have been bold enough to write about some of these points, knowing that all you need is this reminder.

For by God's grace, ¹⁶ I am a special messenger from Christ Jesus to you Gentiles. I bring you the Good News so that I might present you as an acceptable offering to God, made holy by the Holy Spirit.





START IN YOUR CORNER

17 So I have reason to be enthusiastic about all Christ Jesus has done through me in my service to God. ¹⁸ Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them. 19 They were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit.

In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum. ²⁰ My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else.

"I AM A MESSENGER" "MY AMBITION"

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

- C.S. Lewis

- PURSUE UNITY
- LIVE WITH PURPOSE
- START IN YOUR CORNER