

**Preserving the Unity of the Spirit, Part 3**

Rom. 15:1-7

**1. Don't just please \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 1)**

- Selfishness should not be a big part of a believer's \_\_\_\_\_ and relationships.
- Bearing their burdens doesn't mean to just tolerate them, it means to \_\_\_\_\_ share them and carry them right alongside them.

**2. Please your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (v. 2)**

- In this context, pleasing our neighbor means to seek to gratify them or to \_\_\_\_\_ myself to them.
- Paul says we are to please our neighbors for their good and \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Love others like \_\_\_\_\_ loved you. (vv. 3, 7)**

- Jesus did not come from heaven to earth to please \_\_\_\_\_.
- This decision was incredibly \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
- Jesus accepted \_\_\_\_\_, so we should accept one another. (v. 7)

**4. Let God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ you. (v. 4)**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ Testament Scriptures were written for \_\_\_\_\_ Testament people. It's not a dead book. It's not an outdated or obsolete book. It is a book that is written for our learning today.
- As believers, we ought to \_\_\_\_\_ to what the Word of God teaches.
- He is telling us that a \_\_\_\_\_ mind set is the key to right behavior toward the weaker brother.

**5. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ strength and unity. (v. 5)**

- It's important that we notice that Paul prays for \_\_\_\_\_ he's been saying we need.
- It's Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ that is important here, not one side or the other.

**6. Seek to \_\_\_\_\_ God. (v. 6)**

- We should be \_\_\_\_\_ by a consuming desire that God be glorified.
- This accepting and edifying and pleasing the weaker brother isn't about us, either the strong or the weak. It's about \_\_\_\_\_.