

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Ch. 15:1-6



4 WAYS THE STRONG ARE TO RESPOND TO THE WEAK IN CHRIST



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WHY?

The whole PURPOSE of vv. 1-5 is found in v. 6

- ❖ We do what we do, ultimately so that God might be glorified.



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Isaiah 2:2-4 "Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war."



Isaiah 49:6 “He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”



John 10:16 ““I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become **one flock** with one shepherd.”

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- ✓ Bear: Means “To pick up and carry a weight.”
- ✓ Sometimes translated “carry” in your Bible. (Mk. 14:13; Acts 3:2)
- ✓ Ought: “To be under obligation.”



“The idea is that of showing genuine, loving, and practical consideration for other believers. We are not to argue about minor issues or be critical of those who may still be sensitive about a former religious practice or taboo. The injunction is for mature believers to voluntarily and lovingly refrain from exercising their liberty in ways that might needlessly offend the consciences of less mature brothers and sisters in Christ.”

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HE IS OUR EXAMPLE

2 Cor. 8:9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."

Phil. 2:5-8 "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Matt. 26:39 "And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as **You** will."

John 4:34 "Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."



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2 TIM. 3:16-17



“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

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