

Romans 15:8-12

Likeminded According to Christ Jesus

1. 15:5-7 – Likeminded According to Christ

- a. *"receive one another...to be likeminded...that with one mind and one mouth glorify God"*
- b. Believing Jew and Gentile are united by one body, Spirit, Lord, God - Eph 2:13-18, 4:4-6
- c. We're already one Body (12:4-5), but we minister to be one mind (doctrine/truth/Christ)
- d. Bypassing the one mind causes division, confusion, ignorance, weakness, immaturity, error
- e. We should have same mind because we have the same Head - 1Cor 1:10, 1Tim 1:3, Ti 2:1
- f. How? *"through... scriptures" "patience and consolation" "according to Christ Jesus"*
- g. *"as Christ also received us..."* - by grace through faith, acc. to the mystery fellowship.
- h. Paul explains both Jew and Gentile partake of same promise in Christ - Eph 3:6

2. 15:8 – Minister of the Circumcision

- a. *"Jesus Christ was..."* – What he was according to his earthly ministry (MMLJ) (cp. 15:16)
- b. Jesus was a Jewish minister, made under the law, son of Abraham, David, circumcised.
- c. *"minister of the circumcision"* – He was not sent to Gentiles - Matt 10:5-6, 15:24
 - i. Jesus limited ministry to Gentiles – Canaanite woman, centurion, certain Greeks.
 - ii. When the world started to receive more than Israel, his time was up - John 12:19-23
 - iii. He came to Israel, for Israel, but they received him not – John 1:11
- d. *"for the truth of God"* - God gave truth to Jews, Messiah to Israel, fathers - Rom 9:4-5
- e. *"to confirm the promises"* – What plural promises? – See Gen 12:2-3 repeated. Lk 1:67-75
 - i. A land, great nation, multiplied seed (starting w/one), to be a blessing to all people.
- f. *"made unto the fathers"* – Plural fathers of Israel (not Gentiles) – Psa 105:8-11
 - i. The only relationship Gentiles have to fathers is through Christ, the son of Abraham
 - ii. Gal 3:29 – we are Abraham's seed, because we are Christ's ∴ we receive Gen 15:6
 - iii. Only one father was uncircumcised (and that only temporarily) - Rom 4:8-11
 - iv. Abraham had a unique blessing w/o circumcision, law, or Israel.
- g. Jesus did not come to Israel to destroy the law, disinherit Israel, deny what was promised.
 - i. He confirmed the promises, fulfilling many, recognized a believing remnant of Israel
 - ii. Now, we know Christ no more after the flesh - 2 Cor 5:16-17 (cf. Rom 16:25)
 - iii. Now, we preach Christ from glory as the hope of glory to Jew and Gentile - Col 1:27
 - iv. Now, Paul says the promises included Gentiles glorifying God for salvation.

3. 15:9-12 – Gentiles Glorifying God

- a. *"and that the Gentiles"* – Which was part of scriptural promises and prophecy - Rom 16:26
- b. *"glorify God for his mercy"* - Both Jew and Gentile all are under sin - Rom 3:9-11
- c. *"as it is written"* - Proof of Gentiles receiving mercy from God = not a mystery. Phi 2:11
 - i. 9 - "I will give thanks unto thee, among the heathen..." 2 Sam 22:50-51, Ps 18:49
 - ii. 10 - This law passage is not fulfilled yet - Deu 32:43 – "Gentiles...with his people"
 - iii. This theme repeated oft - Psa 22:27-28, 68:32, 97:1, 98:3-4, 138:4-5, Isa 24:14-16
 - iv. 11 - "O Praise the Lord, all ye nations... (Hallelujah)" Psa 117:1-2
 - v. 12 - *"root of Jesse"* speaks of Christ in Isa 11:10, 49:6-8 who rises to reign Ps 2:8-12
 - vi. Matthew 12:17-21 quotes Isa 42:1-6 about Gentiles trusting in Christ.