

Notes

"ONE ANOTHER: HARMONY"

Romans 15:1-13

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Harmony glorifies God and fills our lives with hope.

I. What is harmony?

A. The wording used here was used for the thought life.

B. It is not emotionally based.

C. Pride is hostile to harmony. (Rom 12:15-16)

II. What does harmony look like? (1-2)

A. Bear with.

B. Build up.

C. Think like Jesus. (3, 5b)

III. The essential elements of harmony. (4-5)

A. Endurance and Encouragement

B. These are found in scripture to give us hope. (4)

C. The God of endurance and encouragement grants the ability to live in harmony. (5)

IV. Why is harmony so important?

A. Harmony glorifies God. (6-7)

B. Abounding in hope. (4, 13)

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"LOVE & SERVE"

John 13:1-35; 15:12-17; 1Peter 1:22-254:7-11;
Galatians 5:13-15

Passage Overview:

The Spirit of God addresses how we should treat one another 72 times in the New Testament. Our attitudes and actions towards one another as believers are so significant that Jesus' said they are a prime witness to the fact that He was sent by the Father and that we are His disciples.

At HPBC, we want to grow as a community of believers in our ability to please God by how we treat one another. Metaphors such as 'body' and 'family' depict the people of God as living in a close, transparent, interdependent and Christ dependent community. We are a community of the forgiven, drawn together because we are all drawn to Him.

So we are taking a short pause from our Cover to Cover series to examine the "one anothers" of scripture in the coming weeks. We will only be looking at a few of the many "one anothers" found in the New Testament. But as we study these representative clusters of verses, let's commit ourselves to a new vibrancy, openness, and authenticity in our relationships with each other.

This next week we will be looking at some of the verses that call us to love and serve one another. In scripture, the words for love or compassion are active verbs. They are more than concepts. They require actions that flow from having experienced the wonderful love of God. When we know His love for us, that love spills out into the lives of others in empathy, care, and service.

As you read this week, ask yourself where God's love is consistently spilling out through you to bless others in the church. Ask the Lord to help you see opportunities to express His love to others.

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