

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-32 “That You Live In Harmony”

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ROM 15:5-7 “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ [so that] together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

The ultimate purpose of this Prayer is that “God may be glorified by the harmony expressed by the Saints”

Harmony... Brotherly Love... Single Mindedness... These are the characteristics mentioned time and again that are to mark the Church of Jesus Christ. As the Lord himself had said:

JOHN 13:35 “All will know... if [because] you have love for one another.”

MAY GOD GRANT YOU...

15:5a “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you...”

➤ “The God of endurance and encouragement...” – Paul’s address reveals the source from which his prayer draws... What HE is... HE gives...
GOD’S ENDURANCE – “Hupomone” – Only as God grants the believer the ability to “stay under the pressure” will they be able to “live in harmony” – “singlemindedness” is NOT easy...

GOD’S ENCOURAGEMENT – “Paraklesis” – It is God who “stands by to encourage / comfort” as the Believers strive for harmony in a world of “selfishness” - not everyone is ready to flow together

➤ “May grant you...” – “gift you” This is the desire of the “giver”

- AorActOpt – This request is “fully out of the Apostle’s hands” ... Paul is trusting GOD to DO this...
- NOT something PAUL can do “TO them” ... through teaching
- Neither can PAUL “Command THEM” to do it ... Their choice

TO LIVE IN HARMONY...

15:5b “...to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus...”

- “to live...in harmony” – One word in Grk – “Phroneo” – PresAct– to have continually the quality of like-mindedness - “as a lifestyle”
- “with one another...” – “Allelon” – of “like kind” - each Saint WITH all the others... this is NOT just a personal matter - as a “body”
- “in accord with...” – “Kata - under the influence of...”
 - THIS is the “fruit” of His WORK in our life -

WITH ONE VOICE SO AS TO GLORIFY...

15:6 [so that] together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. –

- SO THAT... - You CAN’T do this w/o the first being in place... - Living “like-minded” is NOT just a result of our efforts...
 - It IS the outworking of the power of God IN US – “Our Witness”
 - THE “supernatural work” manifest through US
- “you... yourself, may...altogether...” – powerful phrasing – THIS is where what God has “given TO us” is expressed “BY us...” -

Having that “same mind which was in CHRIST JESUS...” – PHIL 2:5

A mind that “seeks for the things that are CHRIST’S... not their own...”

- God granted Timothy “like-mindedness” ... 2 TIM 1:7 ...
- Timothy CHOSE to pursue it ...PHIL 2:20-21

“ONE mind in the LORD...” “God grants... we chose” PHIL 4:2-3
Like-minded – inward – God’s “gift”
With One voice – outward - “Our response”

“Glorify...” – In JOHN 17, He gave glory to the Father for:

- The “source” of His ability to fulfill His work
- The “Ones God had given to Him” –
- Their Ability to Be ONE even as He and the father were One

AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU...

15:7 “Therefore [you] welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” –

Both verbs are “Middle Voice” - BY your choice and FOR Your good Christ welcomed us... In response to His work... DO THIS!

THIS IS PAUL’S DESIRE... THIS IS HIS PRAYER!