

WORD OF GRACE

Part 25: What's a Healthy Church Look Like? | Text: Romans 15

Romans 15:1-6

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. (2) Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. (3) For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." (4) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (5) May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, (6) so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1) A healthy church should be marked by _____.

Philippians 2:3, 4 (TNIV) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, (4) not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

(2) A healthy church should be marked by _____

_____ ; and, from that study of scripture, Christians draw encouragement.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

(3) A healthy church should be marked by _____.

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

(4) A healthy church should be marked by _____.

Romans 5:3-5 (TNIV) Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; (4) perseverance, character; and character, hope. (5) And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

(5) A healthy church should be marked by _____.

Romans 12:16 (TNIV) Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not think you are superior.

(6) A healthy church should be marked by _____.

Ephesians 1:11, 12 (TNIV) In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, (12) in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

(7) A healthy church is marked by _____.

2 Corinthians 3:17, 18 (TNIV) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (18) And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Prayer Focus

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.