

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: September 2, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Romans 15:1-13
Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire... As Stewards of His Gift of Unity	

The thought of some persons working together is tantamount (equal) to a curse word. However The Lord has given His Church unity which spells.... yo**U** a**ND** **I** Together **Yes**

The book of Romans outlines some of the more important doctrines of Christianity. Paul gives significant treatment to the matter of the Unity of the Church in this book. In our focus passage Paul sought unity in the Church through:

- ✦ Consideration of all in Christ
- ✦ Cooperation with all in Christ
- ✦ Consciousness of all in Christ
- ✦ Control by The Spirit of all in Christ

In verses 1-4, we see Giving Way to Hope by:

- Patience not Selfishness (1)
- Purpose not Softness (2)
- Patterning Christ not striking back (3)
- Perseverance not Setbacks (4)

This is a call to strive for Advancement of each other, which demands of us to seek patience with all for a purpose. There is endurance for all.

Giving Way to Harmony is seen in verses 5-6. We see prayers for:

- Gift of Unity (5)
- Goal of Unity (6)

This is a call to strive for Agreement with each other. We need to seek partnership with all as a principle because the fact is that there is embracing for all.

In verses 7-12, we get a look at Giving Way to Honor through:

- Acceptance in Grace (7)
- Attestation to Grace (8)
- Access to Grace (9-10)
- Assurance in Grace (11-12)

This is a call to strive for Acknowledgement of each other, which demands of us to seek a place for all so as to bring about praise. There is endorsement for all.

Giving way to the Holy Spirit is encouraged in verse 13. We are led to consider the prerequisite Faith for Spirit's aid and perfusive flow of Spirit's aid. This is a call to strive for all to be aglow with the Holy Spirit. We need to seek power for all to persevere because there is enduement for all.

The Lord desires that we acknowledge the value and variety of all who He has called, as well as perceive and pursue His vision for His Church. Let us therefore for the Lord's sake say and submit to... yo**U** a**ND** **I** Together **Yes...UNITY.**

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