

Unity Candle

Romans 15:1-7

Plea for Unity:

We are called to **BEAR WITH**, and **BUILD UP** one another.

Hope and Power for Unity:

We have **HOPE** through the **SCRIPTURES**, **EMPOWERED** by God.

Purpose for Unity:

In **UNITY WITH CHRIST** and each other, we fulfill our **PURPOSE**: To bring **GLORY TO GOD** and be **LIGHT TO THE WORLD**.

In all of this, we follow the example of Christ.



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How would you define "unity" within the context of the church? Why is unity important for believers? See Romans 15:5-6, John 13:35, John 17:22-23, Ephesians 4:16
2. What are some practical ways we can "bear with" the failings of the weak and "build" them up? Can you share any personal experiences? See Romans 15:1-2
3. How do we exercise Christian liberty without flaunting that freedom at the expense of another's faith? How have your liberties been challenged by another's faith, or when have you adapted for another? See Romans 12:9-18, 14:13, 14:19-20, 15:7.
4. In what ways do these verses inspire you to discover hope? How can you incorporate their teachings into your relationships within the church community? Consider Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 4:12
5. How does the concept of the unity candle in a wedding ceremony relate to the principles of unity and submission found in Romans 15:1-7 and Matthew 5:14-16? How can we apply this metaphor of bringing our flames into unity, centered on Christ, to our relationships within the body of Christ?
6. How can we live out our purpose as a church to bring glory to God and be a light to the world? What is one thing you can do today, to fulfill this purpose individually and within the church body?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."