

## Translations

Rom 15:5-7

5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,  
6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.  
(NKJ)

Rom 15:5-7

5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,  
6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
7 Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.  
(RSV)

Rom 15:5-7

5 May God who gives patience, steadiness, and encouragement help you to live in complete harmony with each other-- each with the attitude of Christ toward the other.  
6 And then all of us can praise the Lord together with one voice, giving glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
7 So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.  
(TLB)

Rom 15:5-7

5 Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Christ Jesus:  
6 that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
7 Wherefore receive ye one another, even as Christ also received you, to the glory of God.  
(ASV)

Rom 15:5-7

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:  
6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.  
(KJV)

Rom 15:5-7

5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;  
6 that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
7 Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.  
(NAS)

Rom 15:5-7

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.  
7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.  
(NIV)

## **International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia, Electronic Database**

LIKE; LIKEN; LIKENESS; LIKING

(2) As an adjective "like" is common in the King James Version in such combinations as "like manner" (frequently), "like weight" <Exo 30:34>, "like occupation" <Acts 19:25>, etc. Modern English would in most cases replace "like" by "the same," as has been done in <1 Thes 2:14> the Revised Version (British and American) (compare <Rom 15:5; Phil 2:2>). So the Revised Version (British and American) has modernized the archaic "like precious faith" of <2 Pet 1:1> by inserting "a" before "like." The King James Version's rendering of <1 Pet 3:21>, "the like figure whereunto," could not have been very clear at any time, and the Revised Version (British and American) has revised completely into "after a true likeness" (margin, "in the antitype").

### **Theme Studies**

- 1Thes 2:14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,
- Phil 2:1-2 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- 2 Pet 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
- 1 Pet 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
- 2 Chr 30:6-15 Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: "Children of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. And do not be like your fathers and your brethren, who trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation, as you see. "Now do not be stiff necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you. For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him." So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them. Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the LORD. Now many people, a very great assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month. They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the incense altars and cast them into the Brook Kidron. Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought the burnt offerings to the house of the LORD.
- Jer 32:38-41 'They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.'

- Ezek 11:17-21 Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel." And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.
- Acts 4:32-33 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.
- Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.
- 2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
- 1 Cor 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- Phil 1:27-28 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.
- Phil 3:16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.
- Phil 4:2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
- 1 Pet 3:8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;
- Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
- Phil 2:4-7 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

## **Matthew Henry's Commentary**

### *Christian unity*

The apostle, having delivered two exhortations, before he proceeds to more, intermixes here a prayer for the success of what he had said. Faithful ministers water their preaching with their prayers, because, whoever sows the seed, it is God that gives the increase. We can but speak to the ear; it is God's prerogative to speak to the heart. Observe,

I. The title he gives to God: The God of patience and consolation, who is both the author and the foundation of all the patience and consolation of the saints, from whom it springs and on whom it is built. He gives the grace of patience; he confirms and keeps it up as the God of consolation; for the comforts of the Holy Ghost help to support believers, and to bear them up with courage and cheerfulness under all their afflictions. When he comes to beg the pouring out of the spirit of love and unity he addresses himself to God as the God of patience and consolation; that is,

1. As a God that bears with us and comforts us, is not extreme to mark what we do amiss, but is ready to comfort those that are cast down-- to teach us so to testify our love to our brethren, and by these means to preserve and maintain unity, by being patient one with another and comfortable one to another. Or,

2. As a God that gives us patience and comfort. He had spoken (v. 4) of patience and comfort of the scriptures; but here he looks up to God as the God of patience and consolation: it comes through the scripture as the conduit-pipe, but from God as the fountain-head. The more patience and comfort we receive from God, the better disposed we are to love one another. Nothing breaks the peace more than an impatient, and peevish, and fretful melancholy temper.

II. The mercy he begs of God: Grant you to be like-minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus.

1. The foundation of Christian love and peace is laid in like-mindedness, a consent in judgment as far as you have attained, or at least a concord and agreement in affection. To auto phronein-- to mind the same thing, all occasions of difference removed, and all quarrels laid aside.

2. This like-mindedness must be according to Christ Jesus, according to the precept of Christ, the royal law of love, according to the pattern and example of Christ, which he had propounded to them for their imitation, v. 3. Or, "Let Christ Jesus be the centre of your unity. Agree in the truth, not in any error." It was a cursed concord and harmony of those who were of one mind to give their power and strength to the beast <Rev. 17:13>; this was not a like-mindedness according to Christ, but against Christ; like the Babel-builders, who were one in their rebellion, <Gen. 11:6>. The method of our prayer must be first for truth, and then for peace; for such is the method of the wisdom that is from above: it is first pure, then peaceable. This is to be like-minded according to Christ Jesus.

3. Like-mindedness among Christians, according to Christ Jesus, is the gift of God; and a precious gift it is, for which we must earnestly seek unto him. He is the Father of spirits, and fashions the hearts of men alike <Ps. 33:15>, opens the understanding, softens the heart, sweetens the affections, and gives the grace of love, and the Spirit as a Spirit of love, to those that ask him. We are taught to pray that the will of God may be done on earth as it is done in heaven-- now there it is done unanimously, among the angels, who are one in their praises and services; and our desire must be that the saints on earth may be so too.

III. The end of his desire: that God may be glorified, v. 6. This is his plea with God in prayer, and is likewise an argument with them to seek it. We should have the glory of God in our eye in every prayer; therefore our first petition, as the foundation of all the rest, must be, Hallowed be thy name. Like-mindedness among Christians is in order to our glorifying God,

1. With one mind and one mouth. It is desirable that Christians should agree in every thing, that so they may agree in this, to praise God together. It tends very much to the glory of God, who is one, and his name one, when it is so. It will not suffice that there be one mouth, but there must be one mind, for God looks at the heart; nay, there will hardly be one mouth where there is not one mind, and God will scarcely be glorified where there is not a sweet conjunction of both. One mouth in confessing the truths of God, in praising the name of God-- one mouth in common converse, not jarring, biting, and devouring one another-- one mouth in the solemn assembly, one speaking, but all joining.

2. As the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is his New-Testament style. God must be glorified as he has now revealed himself in the face of Jesus Christ, according to the rules of the gospel, and with an eye to Christ, in whom he is our Father. The unity of Christians glorifies God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, because it is a kind of counter-part or representation of the oneness that is between the Father and the Son. We are warranted so to speak of it, and, with that in our eye, to desire it, and pray for it, from <Jn. 17:21>, That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee: a high expression of the honour and sweetness of the saints' unity. And it follows, The the world may believe that thou hast sent me; and so God may be glorified as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Adam Clarke Commentary**

### **Romans 15:5**

**Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:**

[Now the God of patience and consolation] May that God who endured them with patience, and gave them the consolation that supported them in all their trials and afflictions, "grant you to be like-minded"-- give you the same mode of thinking, and the same power of acting toward each other, according to the example of Christ.

### **Romans 15:6**

**That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

[That ye may with one mind] "Ye" means Jews and Gentiles. Thinking the same things, and bearing with each other, after the example of Christ; and one mouth in all your religious assemblies, without jarring or contentions, glory God for calling you into such a state of salvation, and showing Himself to be your loving compassionate Father, since He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is very likely that the apostle refers here to religious acts in public worship, which might have been greatly interrupted by the dissensions between the converted Jews and the converted Gentiles; these differences he labours to compose; and, after having done all that was necessary in the way of instruction and exhortation, he now pours out his soul to God, who alone could rule and manage the heart, that he would enable them to think the same things, to be of the same judgment, and that all, feeling their obligation to him, might join in the sweetest harmony in every act of religious worship.

## **Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary**

### **Romans 15:5**

**Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:**

[Now the God of patience and consolation.] Such beautiful names of God are taken from the graces which He inspires: as "the God of hope" <Rom. 15:13>, "the God of peace" <Rom. 15:33>, etc.

[Grant you to be like minded], [to (grk 3588) auto (grk 846) fronein (grk 5426)]-- `of the same mind, '

[According to Christ Jesus.] It is not mere unanimity which the apostle seeks for them; for unanimity may be in evil, which is to be deprecated. But it is "according to Christ Jesus"-- after the sublimest model of Him whose all-absorbing desire was to do, `not His own will, but the will of Him that sent Him' <John 6:38>.

### **Romans 15:6**

**That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

[That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ]-- rather, `that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ' the mind and the mouth of all giving harmonious glory to His name. What a prayer! And shall this never be realized on earth?