

Real Life Downloaded & In the World

For June 16, 2024

Lesson Focus: Glorify God by accepting and building up one another.

Bible Basis: Romans 15:1–13

Memory (Key) Verse: Romans 15:5–6

Summary (Lesson Title): Empowered Servants

Step 1

ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES

Earlier this month, Mexico elected its first woman president in its nearly 203-year history. Claudia Sheinbaum, who was also the first female mayor of Mexico City, received 59% of the total vote in a landslide victory. Her nearest rival candidate, also female, received 27% of the vote. This means that Ms. Sheinbaum received widespread support from across party lines. “This is something really historic,” said outgoing Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador. “We are living through exceptional, extraordinary, glorious times.”

ACCEPTING BOTH GROUPS

Today’s text from Romans focuses on Paul’s appeal to the two groups within the church in Rome: Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians. These are not groups that had a history of getting along well together, but Paul urges them to accept one another just as freely as Christ accepted each of them. Jesus is the hope of the Gentiles, as prophesied in the Jewish Scriptures. Jesus is also the fulfillment of the law and prophets, the fulfillment of what was promised to the children of Abraham.

Questions

1. Where have you seen opposing groups come together and make a common cause in recent years?
2. What are examples of groups that should be held together by their mutual faith in Jesus?
3. How can you personally accept a believer who is different from you?

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1. Traditional Playlist on Spotify
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2. Multicultural Playlist on Spotify
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2psN0hA48H9lyh6vJc5KKb?si=3ef5bb07ee15409e>
3. Contemporary Playlist on Spotify
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4jGkwp5ZDf5Eww31SGcF4n?si=b369745c49f04b8d>
4. John Gills (eighteenth century Baptist preacher) on Romans 15:1–13
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/romans-15-introduction.html>
5. Jennifer Vija Pietz's "Commentary on Romans 15:4–13"
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/second-sunday-of-advent/commentary-on-romans-154-13-6>
6. Charles Spurgeon (nineteenth century Baptist preacher) on Romans 15:1–16
<https://www.truthaccordingtoscripture.com/commentaries/spe/romans-15.php>

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Step 4

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