

*Romans 15:1-13*

*Pursue Acceptance Rather  
Than Rejection, part 3*





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# ***NeverThirsty Receives Questions Asking Which Actions Are Sin?***

**13.** For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an **infant**.

**14.** But solid food is for the **mature**, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

**Hebrews 5:13 - 14**

A photograph of a man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, smiling warmly as he holds a baby. The baby has light hair and blue eyes, wearing a light pink long-sleeved top. They are in a bright room with a window in the background showing a view of buildings. A small potted plant is on the windowsill to the right.

***Hebrews 5:13-14***

***The Mature and The Infant***

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# **Weak & Strong Christians**

**Romans 14:1-23**

## **Weak Christians**

- ***Are confused about which actions are sins.***
- ***Due to their legalism they think mature Christians sin.***

## **Strong Christians**

- ***Understand which actions are sins.***
- ***Feel free to act in certain ways.***

# ***Weak & Strong Christians***

***Romans 14:1-23***

- ***Strong Christians urged to:***
  - ***Accept the weaker Christian***
  
- ***All Christians urged to:***
  - ***Not judge one another***  
***(Not be a stumbling block)***
  - ***Pursue peace***

# ***Principle Of How To “Accept”***

***Romans 15:1***

1. ***Bear the weaknesses of the weak***

***bastadzo = “to bear up under  
unusually difficult times”***

2. ***Not please ourselves***



# ***Principle Of How To Please***

***Romans 15:2***

- ***Please your neighbor and not ourselves***
- ***But in a way that helps other Christians spiritually***

# ***Follow Christ's Example***

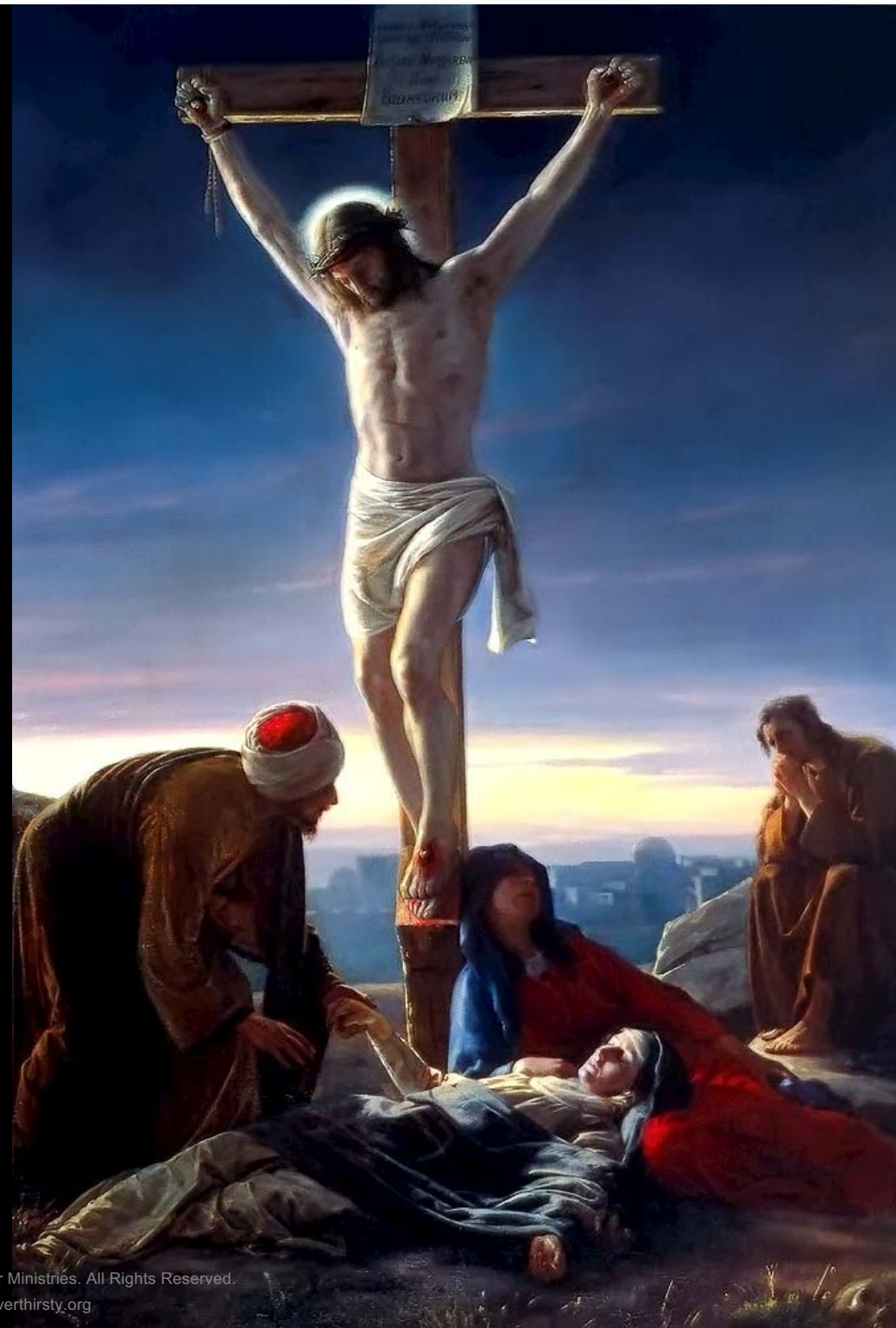
***Romans 15:3***

- ***Christ did not please Himself***
- ***Christ was reproached . . .***

***oneidismos = “insults, slander, false accusations”***

***Romans 15:3***

***Is Not About  
Christ's Death***



**. . . and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;**

**2 Timothy 3:15-16**



# ***So Persevere & Be Encouraged***

***Romans 15:4***

***Psalm 69:9 was written so:***

- ***We would persevere (remain under).***
- ***We would be encouraged.***
- ***We would have confident-hope.***

# ***Where Do We Get These?***

***Romans 15:5 - 6***

***God is the source of . . .***

- ***Perseverance***
- ***Encouragement***
- ***Agreement . . . peace***
- ***Glory to God***

# ***Therefore, Accept One Another***

***Romans 15:7 - 12***

***For even Christ accepted . . .***

- ***The Jews***
- ***The Gentiles***

# ***Paul's Prayer***

***Romans 15:13***

***Paul asks that God would fill them with:***

- ***Joy***
- ***Peace***
- ***Hope . . .***



# **Conclusion**

- 1. Strong should be concerned about the legalist – not flaunt their own freedom.***
- 2. Accept one another***
- 3. Remember that God is the source of all good things Who will help us.***
- 4. The goal is hope and the glory of God.***