

Romans 15:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

Now the God of patience and consolation (Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως, *ho de theos tēs hypomonēs kai tēs paraklēseōs*)—Paul shifts from exhortation to prayer, addressing God with attributes just mentioned (v. 4). God is the source and sustainer of *hypomonē* (patience, endurance) and *paraklēsis* (comfort, encouragement). These are not self-generated human virtues but gifts from God, who himself embodies patient longsuffering toward sinners (Rom 2:4) and provides comfort in affliction (2 Cor 1:3).

Grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus (δῶτε ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν, *dōte hymin to auto phronein en allēlois kata Christon Iēsoun*)—Paul prays for unity: to auto phronein (to think the same thing) doesn't demand uniformity on disputable matters but unity of mind rooted in Christ. *Kata Christon Iēsoun* (according to Christ Jesus) is the standard: Christlike humility, self-denial, and other-centered love. Unity isn't organizational conformity but spiritual harmony flowing from shared commitment to Christ's lordship and example.

Historical Context

The prayer for like-mindedness addressed the primary pastoral crisis in Rome: disunity between Jewish and Gentile believers. Paul doesn't resolve the food/days disputes by legislation but by prayer for spiritual transformation. True unity must

be God-wrought, not humanly engineered, and must follow the pattern of Christ's incarnational condescension.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God as the source of patience and consolation affect your response when these qualities seem depleted in your life?
2. What would 'like-mindedness according to Christ Jesus' look like in a specific church conflict you've observed or experienced?
3. In what areas do you need to pray for God-given unity with believers who differ from you on secondary matters?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	θεὸς	τῆς	ὑπομονῆς	καὶ	τῆς	παρακλήσεως	δῶη
G3588	Now	the God	G3588	of patience	and	G3588	consolation	grant
	G1161	G2316		G5281	G2532		G3874	G1325
ὑμῖν	τὸ	αὐτὸ	φρονεῖν	ἐν	ἀλλήλοις	κατὰ		
you	G3588	to be	likeminded	toward another	one	according		
G5213		G846	G5426	G1722	G240	G2596		
Χριστὸν	Ἰησοῦν							
to Christ	Jesus							
G5547	G2424							

Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 3:8 (Parallel theme): Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

Romans 12:16 (Parallel theme): Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Romans 15:13 (References God): Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Ephesians 5:2 (References Christ): And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (References God): Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Psalms 86:5 (Parallel theme): For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (References Jesus): Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Exodus 34:6 (References God): And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Philippians 1:27 (References Christ): Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

2 Peter 3:15 (Parallel theme): And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;