The Extension of God’s Righteousness through Mission (Rom. 14:1–16:23)

**Review of the previous lessons:**

* Paul wants to present the good news to the Roman church (1:1-17)
* Paul presents the bad news that all humanity (Jews and gentiles) has sinned against God, and are facing the wrath/judgment of God (1:18-3:20)
* Paul presents the gospel in which all people (Jews and gentile) can receive salvation. It is by faith only not by work of law. It has past present future implications in believers’ lives. Sins forgiven, should no longer live under sin for Holy Spirit is in control our lives, hope of future assured. (3:24-8:39)
* The position of Israel in the salvific history actually reveals God’s faithfulness and his sovereign election.(9-11)
* Paul appeals believers to live in the light of Gospel, with respect to the their relationship with the authority, and unbelievers(12-13)

Interpersonal Reconciliation among believers (14:1-15:13)

14:1-12

* Don’t pass judgment on disputable matters
* Those who are strong in faith should accept those who are weak in faith
* The guiding principle comes from the Christ as we belong to the Christ

How is reconciliation between believers a good witness?

What are some modern examples that would be our equivalent to the questions concerning “diet” and “days” ([Rom. 14:1–7](https://www.esv.org/Rom.%2014%3A1%E2%80%937/))?

According to [Romans 14:7–8](https://www.esv.org/Romans%2014%3A7%E2%80%938/), what is the guiding principle in navigating these issues?

14:13-23

* Don’t put any stumbling blocks in your brother’s way
* Make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification 14:7
* Do everything from faith

15:1-6

* Please neighbor for his good to build him up
* Follow Jesus Christ
* Unity in Jesus Christ

15:7-13

* Accept one another
* The acceptance of gentiles was prophesied in the Old testament
* The prayer of faith and hope

The establishment of Churches among the Gentiles(15:14-33)

15:14-21

* Purpose of this book: remind the believers in Roman Church of the grace in Christ
* Reiteration of his mission ministry to the Gentiles and reason why

15:22-33

* Paul’s plans to visit Rome and Spain
* Paul is on his way to Jerusalem for fund raising in the service of the saints
* Paul’s prayer for his ministry

Appreciation and Greetings to Coworkers in the Gospel (16:1-13)

16:1-23

* Commandment to receive Pheobe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea
* Greetings to coworkers and churches
* The diverse backgrounds of the people who Paul greeted exemplified the inclusion and unity of the family in Christ
* The names are remembered

Reflection: How are we dealing with the interpersonal relationships with others? Why Paul can live out the life of Christ? How can we be the followers of Jesus Christ?