**Exploring Romans**

**Lesson 19**

**Give Me Your Load**

Read Romans 15

 Memory Work: Romans 15:5, 6.

 1.a. Re-phrase Romans 15:1 in your own words.

 b. An old saying: The spirit of charity would say, in essentials u \_ \_ \_ y, in non-essentials

 l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y, in all things c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y. What is charity. . .do you think this is a good word?

 Why don’t we use it anymore?

 2.a. How do you “please your neighbor for his good?” Verse 2.

 b. Do you think it’s easy not to please ourselves first? Explain.

 c. “Leading to his edification” would mean you have to do what?

 d. Who is our example? Verse 3. What did He do?

 e. Who was Paul quoting?

 3.a. How do we believers have hope? Verse 4.

 b. What is meant by “through the patience and the comfort of Scripture?”

 c. How is Scripture a comfort?

 d. Paul repeats patience and comfort and says God is patience and comfort and we are to be like minded

 toward others. Give a situation that would illustrate this.

 e. How patient has God been with you?

 4.a. How do the mouth and mind work together according to verse 6? Also see Matthew 15:8-11.

 b. If we practice this, what is the result? Verse 6.

 5.a. How has Christ received us? Verse 7. Romans 5:8.

 b. How are we to receive others. . .is this easy?

 c. How serious is it to stumble your weaker brother? Matthew 18:6.

 6.a. Since Jesus was sent to the Jews first, how difficult would it have been for the Jews to bring in the

 Gentiles? Acts 11:1-18.

 b. What Old Testament verses did Paul use in verses 10, 11, 12?

 c. From what Old Testament divisions were these verses taken?

 7.a. What was Paul’s prayer in verse 13?

 b. Restate his prayer in your own words.

 c. Place your name in wherever there is a “you”. . .how does this make you feel.

 d. Is this how you are praying for those in your church...and enemies, and relatives?

 e. What difference would it make?

 8. How does Romans 15:4, 5, 13 encourage us to accept people with whom we disagree?

 9.a. How does Paul see his own mission? Verses 5, 16.

 b. What were Paul’s attitudes for his mission in verses 16-22?

c. Who was Paul quoting in verse 21?

 10a. What had the churches done in Macedonia and Achaia?

 b. How did this bless both the givers and the receivers?

 11a. Why had Paul, as yet, not visited Rome? Verses 19, 22.

 b. Where else did he hope to go? Verse 24...did he?

 c. What dangers would he be facing by going back to Jerusalem? (remember?) See Acts 21-23

 d. What, specifically, did Paul encourage them to pray? Verses 30-33.

e. Was Paul praying this also?

 f. Why peace? Verse 33.

g. Do you have this peace today? Why or why not?