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Understanding the Context to Paul's Prayers in Romans 15

Paul prayed that God would grant unity to the saints as they were filled with joy, peace, and hope (Romans 15:5-6, 13). These are God's ideas for which He wants us to contend in prayer.

“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another... that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God... Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God... Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope...”

Romans 15:5-7, 13

1. Paul mentions five elements that contribute to equipping believers to walk in love or unity or as those who are “like-minded” (15:5b) or who “receive one” another in the graciousness that Jesus receives us (15:7). These five elements are insight into God's patience, receiving God's comfort (15:5a), and the Spirit's impartation of joy, peace, and hope (15:13).
2. Walking in mature love is synonymous with walking in mature unity. This is the greatest work of the Spirit in the human experience. It requires the transforming power of the Spirit. The end-time Church will experience this transforming miracle of family unity (John 17:21-23).
3. By walking in mature love, we become “trophies of the grace of God” that bring glory to God.

Lord God grant Your people unity as Your people.