

## Seeking Peace with Eyes Upward!

Jan. 31, 2021 – Romans 15:1-13  
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### Why Should We Pursue Harmony with Fellow Believers When There Is Disagreement about Disputable Matters?

1. Reason #1: Believers owe a debt!
  - a. We have a debt to endure.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. We have a debt to build up.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Our debt is to Christ!
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Reason #2: Believers have an aim!
  - a. The central aim of the believer is the Glory of God!
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Reason #3: Believers have a shared hope.
  - a. This hope requires us to live by faith.

## Questions

1. What has Christ accomplished in your life and how should that motivate you in your relationships with other believers?
2. What does it look like for you to endure or bear the failings of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?
3. What are some practical ways you can build up your fellow Christian with whom you disagree about disputable matters?
4. If the Glory of God was your central aim, how might that change the way you respond to your fellow Christian whom you disagree with on disputable matters?
5. What is your take-a-way from the message today that will help you grow in your walk with Christ?

## Next Steps: February Reading Plan (Week 1)

**Day One:** Numbers 20, 27:12-23

**Day Two:** Numbers 34-35

**Day Three:** Deuteronomy 1-2

**Day Four:** Deuteronomy 1-2

**Day Five:** Deuteronomy 6-7

### Discipleship Tip:

The most transformative practice you can engage in as a believer is reading God's Word consistently with your ears open to hear from God and your heart open to change.

## Next Week's Sermon: Romans 15:14-21

### February Scripture Memory:

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:14-17 (ESV)

**What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?**