**Romans Sermons, Part 51**

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**VI. RIGHTEOUSNESS INSTRUMENTAL FOR SERVICE (12:1-15:33)**

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**PREMISE: The Baptist assembly teaches truth, and believers must learn and practice liberty, limits, license. Weak Jews held to diets (Kosher meats, Nazarite non-grape diet) & days (Sabbath, Pentecost, Passover, etc.). > “My Liberty, My Limits, My License”**

**V. The Pattern (15:1-8)**

**A. The Pattern of Pleasing (vv. 1-3)** Ps. 69:9

***1. The Restriction (v. 1)***

a. Our Consideration (v. 1a) *“strong” dunatos* (35x) versus *“weak” adunatos* (10x) > liberty with limits versus unbiblical limits (Gen. 3:3; Gal. 5:6)

b. Our Conduct (v. 1b) to bear (*bastazo* [27x]) and not to please (*aresko* [17x])

***2. The Reason (v. 2)***

a. The Behaviour (v. 2a) please neighbor > Lev. 19:18; Rom. 13:9; I Cor. 9:22; 10:24

b. The Benefit (v. 2b) good to edification > Rom. 14:19; II Cor. 13:10

***3.The Revelation (v. 3)***

a. Submission of Christ > Christ did not please Himself > Mt. 26:39, 42; Heb. 12:2;

b. Scripture for Christ > Ps. 69:9

**B. The Pattern of Patience (vv. 4-7)**

***1. The Goal (vv. 4-5)*** >

a. The Example of the Scripture (v. 4) > Rom. 4:23-24

b. The Example of the Saviour (v. 5) > Gal. 3:27-28

***2. The Glorification (vv. 6-7)*** >

a. United Rejoicing (v. 6) > *“one mouth”* = united mouths (*“one body”* = united bodies)

b. United Receiving (v. 7) > Lord received Jew and Gentile regardless of knowledge of truth!

**C. The Pattern of Promises (v. 8)**

***1. Christ was minister to Weak*** > Mt. 10:8 (Christ was an example)

***2. Christ was minister to World*** > Eph. 2:11; Gal. 2:7 (Paul was an example)

**CONCLUSION: the Lord did not come to please Himself but others for salvation and edification.**