

## KIDS CATECHISM

Book/Chapter: Romans 15-16  
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**Parent to child(ren):** Well, I'm introducing two chapters at once in the Bible to you this time, so we better put on our seat belts; we're going to have to move fast! ☺ Do you ever remembering visiting anyone (or having someone over) and when we it came time to go, we had a hard time getting out the door, because we just kept talking and no one wanted to leave? I think Paul must have felt like that in writing the church at Rome. Though he had never visited them there, he had lots of friends at that church that he met over the many years of his missionary travels. Now when you get to the last two chapters of Romans, it's kind of funny, because Paul says "goodbye" (he actually says, "amen") FOUR times! I think that's kind of funny. And yet it does really show something about him. It shows us how much Paul the apostle really loved people! He was one of those kind of guys that would just stand at the door when it was time to go and over a half an hour or so keep saying, "Well, I guess I'd better go," hug again, and then talk just a little more! I'm sure Paul must have been a very wonderful friend to have!

And that's perhaps the main message God is teaching in these last two chapters of Romans, how much Paul loved his brothers and sisters in Christ, and how much he wanted them to learn to do the same. In this, Paul was so much like our Lord Jesus. Jesus loved us SO much that He laid down His life for us! What a wonderful thing to be loved so much! And as your father / mother, I know this is one of the most important things in the world God wants me to teach you - how important it to live a life of love. Our Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, that you love one another, as I have loved you." So let's seek to learn today some more about what it means to love as we now finish up this great book of the Bible.

**Q71.** In his opening words in Romans 15, Paul shared practical advice about how to relate to each other in the church. What was it?

**A71.** *To never focus on pleasing myself, but on pleasing others, and on building them up.* (15:1-2) (cf., I Cor. 9:22; 10:24; 10:33; I Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:4-5)

**Q72.** As a Christian, how should I receive others who love and believe in Jesus like me?

**A72.** *Just like Christ received me, for the glory of God* (15:7) (cf., Rom. 5:1-2)

**Q73.** What does Romans 15 show us to be the purpose of the Scriptures for our lives?

**A73.** *To teach us to be patient and remain encouraged while we wait hopefully on God* (15:4)

**Q74.** What does Romans 15 tell us about a person at church who is causing divisions or teaching harmful things?

**A74.** *That we should avoid them* (16:17) (cf., Acts 15:1, 24; I Cor. 5:9-11; 2 Thess. 3:6,14; 2 Tim. 3:5)

**Q75.** Should a Christian get to know about sin so he understands sinners better?

**A75.** *No! We should be seek to be wise about good, but simple about evil* (14:23) (cf., Mt. 10:16; I Cor. 14:20)

\* *Italicized (blue) words* are shortened answers can be used with small children. Older children should be encouraged to understand and learn the full answers (*blue [italicized]* & *red [regular print]*)

## SCRIPTURES TO HELP YOUR KIDS HIDE IN THEIR HEARTS

### KJV

**Romans 15:2**, "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good, unto edification."

**Romans 15:7**, "Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also receive us to the glory of God."

**Romans 16:19b**, "...I would have you wise unto that which is good and simple concerning evil."

### NLT

**Romans 15:2**, "We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord."

**Romans 15:7**, "Therefore, accept each other just as Christ accepted you so that God will be given glory."

**Romans 16:19b**, "I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong."

### ----- Suggested Memory Work -----

**Up to age 6** / answers only (shortened, *italicized* answers)

**Ages 7 - 9** / shortened answers plus one scripture

**Ages 10-12** / full answers plus one or two scriptures

**Ages 13 & up** / full answers plus all three scriptures

**NOTE TO DADS:** At least one day this week, sit and read the "Parent to child(ren) section with your family. Then, read **Romans 15-16** with them (let those who can take turns and share in the reading). Make sure everyone is using the same translation. Next, go over the questions with them and see how they do just getting the basic idea. After that, help them with the wording of the answers (giving them one Q & A on M-F and encouraging them to memorize the answer is one way you could approach this part). By reading God's Word to them and passing on to them the things God is teaching you at Calvary Chapel, you will be discipling your own family, equipping them to be strong in the Lord and mighty in His Word (see, I John 2:14b)!