



**“13 Reminders as We  
Prepare to Regather”  
(Part 3)**

**Romans 14:1-15:7**

# I Corinthians 12:12-13

*<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all...*





# I Corinthians 12:12-13

*... baptized into one body—Jews or  
Greeks, slaves or free—and all were  
made to drink of one Spirit.*



## John 17:20-23

*20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,*

*21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe...*





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*“...that you have sent me.*

*<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me  
I have given to them, that they may  
be one even as we are one,*

*<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me,  
that they may become perfectly...*



# John 17:20-23

*...one, so that the world may know  
that you sent me and loved them  
even as you loved me.*





# Larry Osborne, *Accidental Pharisees*

“When it comes to our unity in Christ, we constantly have choices to make. How will we respond to our brothers and sisters in Christ we wouldn’t have chosen if we had been given the choice—in light...



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“... of our spiritual unity or in light of  
our earthly differences?

The choice is ours. We can always  
find a way to get along.

We can always find a way to pick a  
fight. But the choice we make...





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“... will always have huge ramifications, not only for us but also for all the people we hope to influence and reach for Jesus.”



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6. Remember your conclusions have consequences (14:10-12).





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9. Remember not to cause others to sin (14:20-21).



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10. Remember to follow your conscience (14:22-23).





# Warren Wiersbe, *Be Right*

“No Christian can ‘borrow’ another Christian’s convictions and be honest in his Christian life.”



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(14:22-23).

11. Remember to love your  
neighbor (15:1-3).





# John Chrysostom, from the 4<sup>th</sup> century

“He [Jesus] had power not to have been reproached, power not to have suffered what He did suffer, had He been minded to look to His own things.”



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**H.A. Ironside, when asked what denomination he belonged to**

**“David said, ‘I am a companion of all of them that fear Thee and keep Thy precepts.’”**





# H.C. Leupold, *Exposition of Psalms*

“This seems to suggest that a parallel blessing is unity, when head and body are of one mind. The blessing of unity seems to drip down from the leading spirits in the nation to the members of...



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“... less importance in the official and the social scale. The blessing drops down on all and infuses itself into them.”





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13. **Remember to welcome (15:7).**



# Genesis 13:8

*... 'Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen.'*





# Saint Augustine, from the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> centuries

“In essentials, unity;  
in nonessentials, liberty;  
in all things, charity.”



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# Ephesians 4:1-3

*<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord,  
urge you to walk in a manner  
worthy of the calling to which you  
have been called,  
<sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness,  
with patience,...*



# Ephesians 4:1-3

*... bearing with one another in love,  
3 eager to maintain the unity of the  
Spirit in the bond of peace.*

