Be of the Same Attitude of Mind Toward One Another
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Romans 15:1-6

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and

encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:1-6

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with one another.

While unity has been made possible in Christ, it has not been fully achieved. That's why harmony is so necessary.

φρονέω phroneō

to think the same thing

Harmony is not agreement on all the issues but unity on the essentials.
However, the goal of harmony is not unity but glory.

Harmony's foundation is authentic worship based on a common confession not a commitment to not cause a scene when we disagree.

1 Corinthians 6:5

I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers?

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Romans 14:1-4	What they ate.
Romans 14:5-6	The holidays they observed.
Romans 14:17,21	What they drank.

Romans 14:21

It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.

What are our adiaphora?

Paul is talking about how the church dealt with issues internally, not how they responded to it externally.

1. Bear with the weak.
2. Don’t be self-serving.

1 Corinthians 7:40

In my judgment, she is happier if she stays as she is—and I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

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3. Build up your neighbor.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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4. One another one another.

Harmony requires endurance and encouragement as much as education and enlightenment.

Unless our eyes are opened to our own propensity to organize our world our own way, we'll never be able to have an honest conversation about anything. Harmony isn't reached through silence but patience.

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