What To Do About The Weak Ones? (4)

It's important that Christians get along together, even when they see things differently. That's why Paul has devoted a whole chunk of his letter to telling us why and how we should. In Romans 15:1 – 12 Paul presents his final and most convincing point: even Jesus did not please Himself.

- How does Paul's quote from Psalm 69:9 prove that Jesus did not please Himself (verse 3)?

- What is the point Paul is making in verses 1 – 3?

- In verse 4 Paul appears to digress from his main line of thought. What does this verse teach us about the Scriptures?

- Why, do you think, Paul brings the ideas of endurance and encouragement (patience and comfort in the NKJV) into focus in verses 4 and 5?

- Why is it important that we have the same attitude as Jesus in the way we relate to one another (verses 6 and 7)?

- Paul brings up another example of something that the Christians in Rome in his day probably differed on in verses 8 – 12, uses it to confirm the point he made in verses 6 and 7 and supports that point with four quotes from the Old Testament. The example may not be particularly relevant to us but what lesson should we draw from it?

- Having studied all that Paul has to say on the subject from Romans 14:1 down to 15:12, has your thinking in relation to Christians who hold different views to you changed? If so, how has it changed?