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**Romans 15:5-6, “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our lord Jesus Christ.”**

Certainly we all need to be thankful we worship the one true and living God who has great patience with and toward us. The word “consolation” means He gives us comfort, has sympathy, compassion, pity, and empathy for a people He loved to the extent He gave His darling Son to die for our salvation. Now, notice the theme of these two verses: **“likeminded”** and **“one mind and one mouth”**. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if each of our churches had this as a dominate characteristic among those who attended. We should be as Paul says in Philippians 2:2, **“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”** Simply, we are to be “Christ minded” and not “flesh minded”! There is a good example found in Acts 15:25 as it says, **“It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul.”** Their thoughts and purposes were centered on the will of God, not the will of man. Notice how the people responded in Acts 8:6 to the words of Philip, **“And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”** God has surely performed many miracles for the benefit of His people and we should all be **“likeminded”** in recognizing what He has done for us and in our pursuit of doing His will. When you go to church next Sunday, would it not be good if we strived to be of **“one mind”** and that it be that our minds were centered on Christ and His righteousness? Think about it!