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Message Series "One Another"

"Accept One Another"

Romans 15:1-7

¹ We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." —v. 7, NIV

Context of acceptance: "quarreling over opinions" (Romans 14:1)

"Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong." (Romans 14:1, NLT)

Accepting One Another

(Practicing Christ-like acceptance in a world of cancel culture)

1. Understand ______.

"Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters." (Rom. 14:1, NIV)

2. Determine _____

"One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind." (14:5)

"The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." (14:22-23)

3. Recognize ______.

"For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (14:7-8)

"So then each of us will give an account of himself to God." (14:12)

4. Choose _____.

"Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother." (14:13)

5. Treat ______.

"Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us, for the glory of God." (15:7, NAS)