

sistibility? How accepting of other Christians at ABC am I? Are there some whom I intentionally ignore, avoid, slander, or put down? Have I set a standard of acceptance that is higher than Christ's?

17. How can we *be devoted to prayer* on one another's behalf this week?



Message #118: *Accept One Another*

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Sermon
Notes

Quotes to Ponder

People who are trying to earn their salvation try to quiet their own consciences by comparing themselves to others and finding fault with others, in order to feel that God must favor them. They need desperately to convince themselves that they are the ones in the right. As a result, there is a deep insecurity and a critical spirit that lead to disputes.

Timothy Keller

As Christ has made known the glory of the Father in receiving us all into His grace when we stood in need of mercy, so we ought to establish and confirm this union which we have in Christ, in order to make known also the glory of God.

John Calvin

Mutual love ought to reign supremely in a church wholly composed of the Lord's well-beloved.

Frédéric Louis Godet

*To **accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us**, is a sure mark of godliness, and failure to do so is just as surely a mark of carnality. Failure to **accept one another** in love and compassion is an affront to the Savior who **accepted us**. A congregation that is divisive, quarrelsome, contentious, and judgmental gives the world reason to ridicule Christ's church and to reject the One who is their only hope of salvation*

John MacArthur

Paul cites every part of the Old Testament — the writings (v 9b and 11), the law (v 10), and the prophets (v 12) — to show that inclusion of Gentiles with Jews in the praise of God has always been part of God's purposes.

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. What does the *therefore* in *Romans 15:7* referring to?

3. What does the word *accept* mean in *Romans 15:7*?

4. How did Christ *accept* you (*Romans 15:7*)? What would it look like in our relationships with one another if we accepted each other in this way?

5. Why should we *accept one another* according to *Romans 15:7*?

6. What should our motive be in accepting one another?

7. According to *Matthew 10:40*, what happens when we *accept* or *receive* another believer?

8. What is your standard for accepting fellow believers in Christ? Does this need to change?

9. According to *Ephesians 4:32-5:2*, what model should we follow?

10. How did Christ receive sinners in the following verses? What can we learn from this?

Matthew 9:10-13 —

Acts 1:34 —

Luke 15:1-7 —

Ephesians 1:4-6 —

11. If we refuse to *accept one another*, what is the result?

12. What two groups of people are referred to in *Romans 15:8-12*?

13. What is Paul's intention in quoting four Old Testament passages in *Romans 12:9-12*?

What progression do you see in these quotations?

14. What does Paul say in *Romans 15:8-12* that might make it easier for Jews to accept Gentiles?

15. Explain how *Romans* describes the equality of Jews and Gentiles in the plan of God.

16. **Reflection Questions:** Was I worthy of Christ accepting me? Did He receive me because of my good deeds, my wonderfulness, or my irre-