

Accept One Another

Series: The One Anothers

Romans 15:7

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*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **Romans 15:7***

I. We Are Accepted In Christ

*“...just as Christ accepted us...” **Romans 15:7b***

A. We Are Chosen By The Father

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love **5** he predestined us[b] for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. **Ephesians 1:3-6***

B. We Are Redeemed By The Son

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **8** which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight **9** making known[c] to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. **11** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **12** so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 1:7-12***

C. We Are Sealed By The Spirit

*In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee[d] of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,[e] to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 7:13-14***

II. We Are To Accept Each Other Because of Christ

*“Therefore accept one another...” **Romans 15:7a***

A. We Are To Be Likeminded With Each Other

*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. **Romans 15:5-6***

B. We Are To Lift Each Other Up

*Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. **Romans 15:2***

C. We Are To Lean On Each Other

*We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. **Romans 15:1***

III. We Are To Accept Each Other For The Glory of God

“...to the glory of God.”

A. We Are To Exhort Each Other To Unity

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Ephesians 4:1-3***

B. We Are To Give An Explanation For Our Unity

*There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. **Ephesians 4:4-6***

C. We Are Given The Equipment For Our Unity

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says,

*“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”[a]*

*9 (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?[b] 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds[c] and teachers,[d] 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,[e] to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. **Ephesians 4:7-16***