

Text: Romans 15:7
Topics: Christian Life, Relationships with Others
Series: Build My Church!

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Is it Really Unacceptable?

I. It's a Command (Romans 15:7)

Accept one another!

II. It's in Context (Romans 15:1-13)

Natural human tendencies that run contrary to this one another:

A. Judging (Romans 14:1-12)

B. Selfishness (Romans 15:1-3)

C. Partiality (Romans 15:8-9)

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Have you ever felt on the outside of a group without the possibility of being welcomed in? Explain, including how you felt.

2. What is our "one another" this week? (Romans 15:7). How would you explain what it means? How would you explain what the "just as Christ also accepted us" means?

3. One group of others that can be hard to accept are those who hold different convictions about things the Bible does not clearly call sin. Read Romans 14:1-2. What two groups of people in the church are being addressed?

Can you think of an example of a particular conviction of another person(s) that makes it hard for you to accept them? Why is it hard?

4. Read Romans 14:3-12. The readers are being urged to accept one another and not do what? Which group is being addressed?

What reasons are given for accepting each other? How does this help us accept those who have different convictions than us in non-essential areas?

5. What wrong attitude that undermines accepting one another is revealed in Romans 15:1-3? What should be our desire?

6. What two groups are mentioned in Romans 15:8-9? In Acts 6:1 there is an example of what would have been the same human tendency running contrary to acceptance of one another. What is it?

What does God say about it in James 2:1-9?

Is there a group in the church that you tend to give favoritism to above others? What is, or will be, the outcome of maintaining this attitude/conduct?

7. What one thing can you do to grow in you own acceptance of others?