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One Anothers – Week #6

Accept One Another

Making Sense of the Most Misunderstood “One Another”!

Romans 15:7 (NIV)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Acceptance: To welcome into one's home.

Acceptance: Receiving someone into your life “as is”!

When our focus is on changing someone over accepting them, the relationship suffers!

Rules without relationship equals rebellion!

The church will have limited impact on the world when we lack acceptance in the church.

Romans 14:1–3 (NIV)

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does

not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.

#1 Principle of Acceptance: Don't judge others based on your own personal preferences.

- We are commanded to accept all Christians regardless of their spiritual maturity.
- Much of our lack of acceptance in church is based on tradition and not biblical truth.

Keys to becoming more accepting:

- 1. Acceptance recognizes the family resemblance!**
- 2. Acceptance chooses to build bridges not cases!**
- 3. Acceptance refuses to play God!** (Romans 14:4-9; John 21:21-22)
- 4. Acceptance rejects avoidance!**
- 5. Acceptance never causes another to stumble!**
(Romans 14:13; Romans 14:20-21)
 - Always be willing to sacrifice our personal freedom for the faith of another!
- 6. Acceptance doesn't force someone to violate their conscience!**
(Romans 14:22-23)