

Accepting Each Other

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."

Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."

And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:7-13

Why is it so hard for us to accept each other? Sometimes we can accept certain aspects but there are things that we seem to refuse to accept. What if the solution was a simple one? What if we are making it harder than it should be? Think about this!

We seem to connect people with their behaviors, beliefs, politics, religion, jobs, etc. What if we separated the person from all those other things and simply accepted them as a fellow creation of God? What would that look like?

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." There is no way that we can ever measure up to Christ. But he accepts us anyway – in spite of our behaviors, beliefs, politics, religion, jobs, etc. It's time for us to do the same thing.

If we trust God, he will fill us with his Spirit and the power that will help us!

All Things for Christ,
Michael