

ROMANS 15:7
Acceptance

Rejection...

- ⦿ Rejection is all around us: politics, religion, food, environment, etc.
 - Magnified by social networks.
- ⦿ Even in the early Church:
 - “One of you says, ‘I follow Paul’; another, ‘I follow Apollos’;...” 1 Corinthians 1:12
 - “The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not...” Romans 14:3

Romans 15:7

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

In original, accept = to take to oneself

Translated as: take, round-up, invite, eat, welcome, accept, receive...

One another – among believers

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1. Our Example

2. Our Attitude

3. God's Glory

1. Our Example

“Christ accepted you” (Romans 15:7)

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

We are to “Accept one another, ... just as Christ accepted you”.

2. Our Attitude

“Accept one another” (Romans 15:7)

“a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus” (Romans 15:5)

“So if you consider me a partner, welcome him [Onesimus] as you would welcome me [Paul].” (Philemon 17)

3. God's Glory

“in order to bring praise [glory] to God”
(Romans 15:7)

“with one heart and mouth you may glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ” (Romans 15:6)

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- Have you been accepted by Christ?
- Is there anyone you don't accept?