



Accept One Another

“One Another” statements: 100 times in 94 verses
1/3 deal with church getting along

Roman 15:1-7 (ESV)

1. We are called to help one another in our spiritual growth. (Romans 15:1)

- Church is made up of both strong and weak Christians.
- The strong believer needs to grow in love; the weak believer needs to grow in knowledge.
- Our default position is seeking our own pleasure. (Romans 15:1)
- We want to maximize pleasure and minimize difficulty.

2. True Christian community is about building one another up. (Romans 15:2)

- We unconsciously ascribe value to people.

James 2:1-6 (ESV)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?

3. Jesus is not only our example, but also our motivation. (Romans 15:3-5)

What does the Bible say about us pre-salvation?

- Weak (powerless) and ungodly (Romans 5:6)
- Sinners (Romans 5:8)
- Enemies (Romans 5:10)

4. God gets the recognition when we accept one another. (Romans 15:6-7)

- Our acceptance of one another will serve as a megaphone to the world around us.