

Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: Dealing with Christians Who Differ
Short Ver. Title: Romans 090
Series Title*: Romans
Text: Romans 15:7-13
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Message Outline

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- I. How We Must Treat Christians Who Differ
- II. Why We Must Treat Them This Way
- III. What God Must Bring to Christians Who Differ

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

- Romans 14:1 - 15:13
- 2 Sam 22:50; Ps 18:49
- Deut 32:43
- Ps 117:1
- Is 11:10

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- 15:7 sounds a lot like 14:1. How do they differ and what does that say about verses 7-13?
- Paul brings Christ and His manner of treating people into his argument in v.7. Why? For what purpose?
- What is the end result of the acceptance spoken of in v. 7?
- Paul jumps from Christ accepting people (7) to Christ as a servant of the circumcision = Jew (8). How are accepting people and serving people related?
- From verses 8 and 9a, why has Christ become a servant to the circumcision? Answer first in regards to the Jews from 8b and secondly in regards to the Gentiles from 9a.
- Verses 9b-12 provide the Biblical basis for Christians acceptance of those who differ based on God's previously revealed will for both Jews and Gentiles (people who differ). Why, based on these passages, should we accept people as Jesus accepted them?
- Paul not only exhorts Christians to acceptance, he also prays to God that God would act. What does this say regarding our need for God? What does the joy and peace requested by Paul have to do with our acceptance of each other?
- **Community Group Discussion: Think about the unified nature of the Church that God has created from the raw materials of differing humans by means of and in union with Christ Jesus. Given what God has done, why do we sometimes treat other Christians without acceptance? How can we remedy this so that we are living as witnesses of the reality God has brought about in Christ?**

Memory & Meditation Verse

"Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

Next Sunday

Prayer: *Spiritual Reformation* Ch. 5, "A Passion for People", 1 Thes 3:9-13