



Accept One Another
Selected Scriptures
#4 in a series on the *One Another* Statements
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Theme: **Accept every believer just as Christ accepted you.**

Why should I accept others ... every other believer?

1. Because Christ has accepted you. (Romans 15:7)
2. Because Christ has accepted them. (Romans 14:3-4; 15:7)
3. Because we are interdependent members of one body.
(Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30)
4. Because we are to love one another.
(John 13:34; 15:12-13; Ephesians 5:2; Colossians 3:14; 1 John 3:23; 4:20-21)

How should I accept others ... every other believer?

1. It starts with seeing myself and others as I ought to.
(Proverbs 8:13; 16:5; 23:7; Mark 7:20-23; Romans 11:20; 12:3, 10, 16; 14:3-4; Philippians 2:3-8; James 2:1-3, 7; 4:6; Romans 2:11; Ephesians 6:9)
2. It continues with true, full acceptance.
(Romans 12:9-10; 14:1-3, 10, 13; 15:5-7; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Timothy 5:21; James 2:1-4)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. The importance of the command to accept one another is seen first in the fact that Christ has accepted you (see Romans 15:7). Think about the loving, gracious, merciful fact that God accepted you. God has accepted every other believer just as He accepted you (see Romans 14:3-4 and 15:7). Remember, acceptance of the person does not mean condoning sin. Are there some believers you don't truly, fully accept? If so, what reasons have you had for not accepting them? Confess this to God and reject those thoughts.

Tuesday. We should accept all other believers based on the two foundational one another statements—we all are interdependent members of one body and we are to love one another as Christ has loved us. Review the Scripture references listed on this on the outline, applying them your acceptance of others.

Wednesday. Accepting one another is more easily *accepted* in theory than practice. Actually accepting others begins with our attitudes—how we see ourselves and others. As you review the Scripture references on the outline, note both the negative and positive words. Examine your attitude toward yourself and other believers, making sure you bring and keep it in line with what it ought to be.

Thursday. Good intentions not put into practice accomplish nothing. Today, identify any actions toward others which fall short of true, full acceptance of another believer. Confess and turn from that. Thank God for His grace. Determine to keep growing in true, full acceptance of all other believers.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is Father's Day. We will think about Fathers Who Make A Difference. Read and think through 1 Peter 3:8-12 in preparation for our time together.