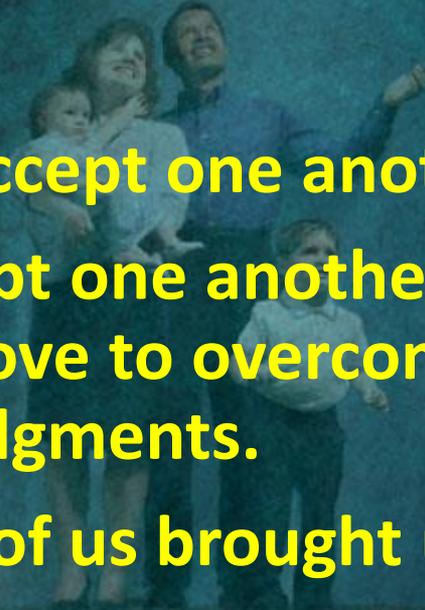


Rejoice In Our Mutual Salvation

Romans 15:7-13

Mutual Acceptance

- God expects us to accept one another in Christ.
- Believers must accept one another by allowing Christ's indwelling love to overcome their reservations and judgments.
- Christ's acceptance of us brought us into the glory of God.
- When we manifest the presence of God in our lives and in our worship, we manifest the glory of God.



The Call For Unity

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- God desires unity in worship.
 - If God expected Jews and Gentiles to be unified in worship with all their differences, He certainly expects a local body of Gentiles to be unified.
 - The Jews were chosen under the old covenant to go among the Gentiles and minister to them.
 - Gentiles were given equal status with the Jews, so they could praise God together.
 - All peoples are to praise Him, no matter their race, creed, color or personality.

Praise From The Rubble

- The three categories of the Jewish Bible—the Psalms, the Law, and the Prophets—reveal that Jesus came for the Gentiles as well as the Jews.
- The Messiah is the hope of the nations.
- Because of Christ's life, death and resurrection, all have hope.
- Jews should have no grudge against Gentiles, because their calling was to reach the Gentiles for the glory of the Lord.
- Gentiles should have no grudge against Jews, because it was through the Jews that God brought them salvation.

Abounding In Hope

- Faith in God, as a source of hope, causes joy and peace to grow within us.
- Genuine faith results in an overflowing of hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Our hopes, good intentions, and aspirations remain unattainable without the Holy Spirit.
- Those filled with the hope of Christ's return will overflow with joy, peace, and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The more evangelistic a church is, the less divided it becomes.

Conclusion

- It is easy, in light of personal experience, to despair in one's life.
- It is easy, in light of current events, to despair for the world.
- When we surrender to Jesus' rightful rule in our life and let Him unite us, we will experience the hope we need to turn sadness and depression into joy.
- We experience the power of the indwelling Spirit of God, Who makes us one in Christ.

