

## ROMANS—Part 88

Romans 15:7-13

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1. God means for you to receive encouragement and endurance from your Bible. He built it that way from Genesis to Revelation. The whole thing was written for your benefit.
2. 15:7 Paul now brings the focus to the mutual responsibility of all believers toward each other.
3. 15:7 Believers are to accept one another not with reservation or judgment, but rather with love and respect.
4. 15:7 God moved Paul to write about this issue because He knows us; He knows we don't always do this.
5. 15:7 Jesus is *the* pattern. If the God the Son is willing to accept us into His family, how much more should we be willing to accept each other (Luke 15:2; Matthew 10:40).
6. 15:8 To accept another as Christ accepted you is a mark of godliness, evidence of Jesus in you. Failure to accept others in love and compassion is an insult to Jesus and is the opposite of the very characteristic we look for in a Christ-follower.
7. Three sample characteristics of Christ's accepting us:
  - Jesus accepts us joyously (Luke 15:3-5).
  - Jesus accepts us in spite of our sin; otherwise, no one could be saved (Romans 5:8).
  - Jesus accepts us impartially (John 6:37).
8. 15:8-12 In light of the magnificent, eternal plan of God, Jews can have no grudge against Gentiles, because their very purpose for existing is to reach Gentiles for the glory of the Lord. Gentiles can have no grudge against Jews because it was through the Jews that God brought them salvation.
9. 15:13 If you are satisfied in the big picture of your future hope, you will be much more likely to share with others who live a world of shattered hopes.

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