

"Therefore <u>receive</u> one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."

**Receive** one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

- Good reception of one another is based upon Christ's reception of us
  - If Jesus could receive me how can I not in turn receive others? (15:7)
  - God receives people who have different judgments/consciences (14:3)
  - We must understand what things can/cannot be received (2 Jn:9-11)

- > Paul encourages the church at Rome to receive one another well
  - He makes a differentiation in thought/conviction by using the words "strong" and "weak" (14:1; 15:1)
  - There is no implication that we accept things that are not in accord with the teaching of Christ (16:17). We must not!
  - Both Jews and Gentiles would have to work on their reception of one another (14:2-3)
  - 2 people may make 2 different judgments and please the same God (14:5-6)

- > Attitudes that enable proper reception:
  - Do not despise (14:3)
  - Do not judge (14:4)
  - Do not have contempt (14:10)
  - Do not be a stumbling block (14:13)
  - Do not destroy (14:15)
  - Do not please yourself (15:1)

<sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be likeminded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.