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## Why Acceptance Matters

Romans 14:1-22

We accept each other because...

<sup>3</sup>The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to judge someone else's servant?

### 1. God has accepted *us* in Christ.

<sup>5</sup>One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup>Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

### 2. We are seeking or following *God* and His *ways*.

<sup>8</sup>If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

### 3. Christ died for *all* of us.

<sup>10</sup>You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

### 4. We each have to *answer* to God and God alone.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. <sup>17</sup>For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. <sup>20a</sup>Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food.

### 5. We don't want to *hinder* anyone from seeking and following Christ.