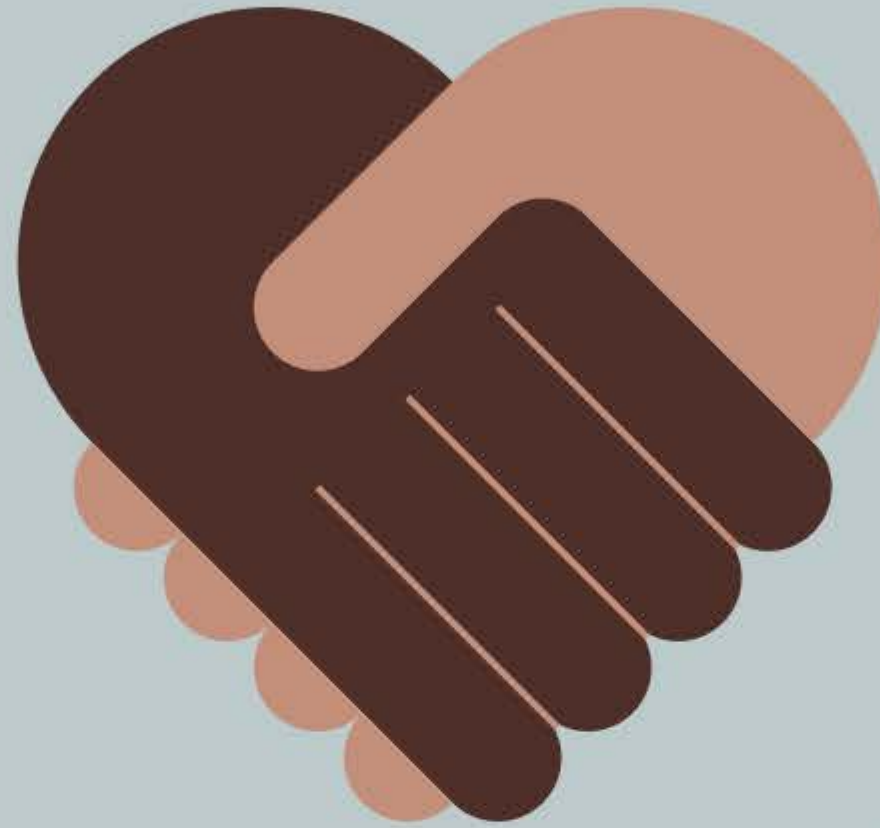


A STUDY OF ROMANS



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Can Christians be **different**
without being **divided**?



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:1

ESV

As for the one who is weak in faith, **welcome** him,
but not to quarrel over **opinions**.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:2–3

ESV

² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats **despise** the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains **pass judgment** on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:4

ESV

⁴ **Who are you** to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And **he will be upheld**, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:5–6

ESV

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

⁶ The one who **observes** the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who **eats**, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who **abstains**, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:14–16

ESV

¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer **walking in love**. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:17–19

ESV

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us **pursue what makes for peace** and for mutual upbuilding.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:20–21

ESV

²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.

²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 14:22–23

ESV

²² The faith that you have, **keep between yourself and God**. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.

²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 15:1–4

NASB95

1 Now **we who are strong** ought to bear the weaknesses of **those without strength** and not *just* please ourselves.
2 Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. 3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." 4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?

- Wealth



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?

- Wealth
- Education



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?

- Wealth
- Education
- Ethnicity



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?

- Wealth
- Education
- Ethnicity
- Gender



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?

- Wealth
- Education
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Age



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?

- Wealth
- Education
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Age
- Physical Ability and Appearance



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

In our culture today, what puts a person in a position of **power, strength, or influence**?

- Wealth
- Education
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Age
- Physical Ability and Appearance
- Mental and Emotional Health



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 15:1–3

ESV

We who are strong have **an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak**, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 15:5–6

ESV

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such **harmony** with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with **one voice** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Romans 15:7

ESV

⁷ Therefore **welcome one another** as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU

Make **sacrifices** to
make others feel **welcome.**



Grace & Peace

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU