



Outline - Sunday, October 23, 2016

Sermon Title: Receive HIM!

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-13

1. An un-Christ-like (reception) of weak believers by the strong - vs 1

- a. "you can join us if....." carnal - conditions
- b. "You must first meet our approval..."
- c. "If you don't we will judge you and let you know it:" (doubting/leading to disputes)
1 Cor 12:10/Heb 5:14/1 Tim 2:8/James 2:4/Phil 2:14

Who are these Weak and Strong believers?

2. Two Cultures under one Gospel: - Rom 15:7-10; 3:28-31/Eph 2:14-16

- a. The Jews with a strong taboo for uncleanness - vs 2,14/1 Cor 9:20
- b. The Gentiles with a careless freedom to eat anything - vs 15, 20/1 Cor 9:21/1 Tim 4:4
- c. Their impatience to co-exist while maturing in Christ - vs 5/Rom 15:1, 4-6

3. The Absolute imperative to NOT judge our brother - vs 1 (Receive HIM)

- a. They believe - vs 2a/2 Peter 1:1
- b. God has received Him - vs 3b/Rom 15:7/Acts 28:2/Philemon 1:17 (protect-not control)
- c. God is able to make him stand - vs 4c/Prov 24:16/Jude 24 - only God!
- d. They are the LORD Jesus Christ - vs 8-9/John 6:37/1 Pet 1:18 - redeemed/precious
- e. They like you will stand before God - vs 10c, 12

Conclusion and application?

- a. Every true believer is the work of God - Eph 2:10/Phil 1:6/ 1 Thess 5:23
- b. There is an awful real and correct judgment coming - 2 Cor 5:10/1 John 2:28/ John 15:5-8
- c. Therefore, do everything you can to help them stand before Christ unashamed - vs 17-19
- d. By demonstrating the personal faith to let them grow up in Christ - vs 5, 22