

The Considerate Christian

Romans 15:1-7

As Believers, we are Urged to have a “spirit of TOLERANCE” toward our Brothers & Sisters in Christ.

Our Differences make the church Effective.

Some Things we just CAN'T TOLERATE!

We might NOT Support their view, but we can still Practice Love for them!

1. WE HAVE A DUTY TO BE TOLERANT (vv.1-2)

- We fulfill this Obligation when TWO THINGS occur:
 - 1) We Fulfill our Duty By Living A CRUCIFIED Life. (v.1)
 - The WHOLE IDEA here is ONE of Self-Denial & Self-Sacrifice.
- 2) We Fulfill Our Duty By Living A CONSTRUCTIVE Life. (v.2)
 - You're either in the Construction business or the Demolition business.

2. WE ALSO OUGHT TO DEMONSTRATE TOLERANCE (vv.3-4)

- How in the world can you do this?
- Look To The Example Of Our SAVIOR. (v.3)
- For us the Lesson is CLEAR! ...BE LIKE JESUS! (1 Peter 2:21)
- Look To The Encouragement Of The SCRIPTURES. (v.4)
- In the Difficult times, Jesus Used the Word of God for His Own Comfort & Strength.

3. WHY SHOULD WE DESIRE TOLERANCE? (vv. 5-7)

- The SECRET of a great church is found in the little word “_____.”
- This Kind of Tolerance Produces A Unity Of PURPOSE. (v.5)
- This Kind of Tolerance Produces A Unity Of PRAISE. (v.6)
- This Kind of Tolerance Produces A Unity Of PRACTICE. (v.7)
- Love like this is CONTAGIOUS!
- The Three Most Important ACTIVITIES of Believers in the church of Jesus Christ are Glorifying God, Getting people to Jesus & Growing our brothers & sisters in Christ.