



## MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Room For One More**  
Series: **Better Together**  
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### **Background: A CHURCH THAT COULD NOT** \_\_\_\_\_

- Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. . .  
Greet also the church **that meets at their house.** (Ro 16:3–5).
- After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because **Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome.** (Ac 18:1–2).
- 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. (Ro 14:3).
  - Some are tempted to treat others with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Some are tempted to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.** (Ro 15:7).

### **HOW SHOULD WE WELCOME (ACCEPT) ONE ANOTHER?**

#### **1. WELCOME MAKES ROOM FOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.** (Ro 14:1).

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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.** (Ro 14:5).

## 2. WELCOME PUTS LOVE OVER \_\_\_\_\_

*I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. (Ro 14:14).*

*If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. (Ro 14:15).*

*Let us therefore **make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.** 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. 21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall. (Ro 14:19–21).*

*We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. (Ro 15:1).*

## 3. WELCOME IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST

*For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 **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. (Ro 14:7–8).*

*"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... So then, **each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.**" (Rom. 14:10,12)*

*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement **give you the same attitude of mind toward each other** that Christ Jesus had." (Rom. 15:7)*

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ — HOW CHRIST WELCOMED YOU!

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners,** Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)*

**Prevenient** \_\_\_\_\_ — the grace that goes before. You did not find your way to the table; the Host came out to the road and brought you in.

## THE EMPTY \_\_\_\_\_

**"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47b)**