

Choose to Accept One Another



Community CAN be real!



John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

John 17:23

"May they be brought to *complete unity* to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me." The purpose of the church is to produce people who love God and who love one another.

Forbearance

Ephesians 4:2-3

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Colossians 3:12-14

"Therefore . . . clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another*."

Choices we must make:

- 1. Choose not to grumble or gossip.
- 2. Choose not to keep picking at them to change the things we don't like.
- 3. Choose not to judge.



- James 4:11-12
- "Brothers, do not slander one another.
- Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. . . . There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and destroy. But you--who are you to judge your neighbor?"

- Romans 14:4, 10-13
- "Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.... You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. . . . So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another."

Wouldn't it be ridiculous to go to someone's workplace and start criticizing them?



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 - 4. Give thanks.

