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## Grace and Acceptance

Romans 5:1-11

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



One of the core values of Clear Lake Bible Church is grace and acceptance. In today's world acceptance has become a buzz word. Our society is pushing the idea that we must accept people for who they are no matter what they believe and no matter what they are doing. The Bible also teaches us grace and acceptance but clearly there are two different understandings of acceptance. Jesus has also given us instruction on how we should live. This week we will explore how the commandments of Jesus fit together with grace and acceptance. There is a difference between accepting someone's wrong actions and accepting someone that turns to the Lord looking for grace. God has called us to extend grace just as he extended grace to us. Join us this week as we seek to properly extend grace and acceptance to our community.



### **Romans 5:1-11 New English Translation**

**5** Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of God's glory. <sup>3</sup>Not only this, but we also rejoice in sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance, character, and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>(For rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person perhaps someone might possibly dare to die.) <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more then, because we have now been declared righteous by his blood, we will be saved through him from God's wrath. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we

were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, since we have been reconciled, will we be saved by his life? <sup>11</sup>Not only this, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received this reconciliation.

### **Romans 15:7 New English Translation**

<sup>7</sup>Receive one another, then, just as Christ also received you, to God's glory.

### **Colossians 3:12-15 New English Translation**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others. <sup>14</sup>And to all these virtues add love, which is the perfect bond. <sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ be in control in your heart (for you were in fact called as one body to this peace), and be thankful.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Who has peace with God?

9. What condition were we in when Christ died for us?

10. What does God demonstrate through Christ's death?

11. When can we declare ourselves righteous?

12. What has the Lord shown us that we should show to others?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Why is it important for us to reflect God's grace with others?

14. When is it difficult for us to reflect God's grace? Consider God's grace shown to you, how does this impact us showing grace to others?

15. Are we commanded to accept everyone in to our church? If not, where is the line?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*