

## INTRODUCTION

- \* FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... *The Shadow of Christ, The Life of Christ, The Return of Christ, The Reign of Christ* ... *The Reflection of Christ*
- \* **What we say, and how we live, is a reflection of Who, or what, is residing and reigning in our heart! ... both individually and collectively**
- \* As we have been considering the Interactions of the Church (those “one another” passages of the New Testament). We have considered the Biblical commands to love one another, serve one another and bear with one another.
- \* Bearing with one another requires self-examination, humility, gentleness and long-suffering. Yet Scripture takes our interactions in the body even one step further ... not just bearing with one another – but receiving (and accepting) one another.
- \* However, it is this concept of receiving and accepting that many times gets twisted and misinterpreted ... lets look at what receiving one another is, and what it is not

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

A. **The Building** (cf. I Cor 3:9-17; Eph 2:19-22; I Pt 2:4-5)

B. **The Bride** (cf. Jn 3:29)

C. **The Body** (cf. Eph 1:22-23; Eph 4:1-7)

### II. THE INTERACTIONS OF THE CHURCH

A. **Loving One Another**

B. **Serving One Another**

C. **Bearing With One Another**

### D. Receiving One Another

1. THE EX \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 14:1 – 15:7)

a. The Com \_\_\_\_\_ (14:1; 15:7)

i. IT ENTAILS \_\_\_\_\_

ii. IT ENTAILS \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Rom 15:1-3; Acts 6: 2-5)

b. The Com \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Romans 15:7)

2. THE EX \_\_\_\_\_

a. Dis \_\_\_\_\_ e Matters: We are not to allow \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Romans 14: 1)

b. Dis \_\_\_\_\_ e Matters: We are not to allow \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Corinthians 5; II Corinthians 2: 5-11)

3. THE EX \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Rom 12:10)

a. The H \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Romans 16:16; I Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; I Thessalonians 5:26; I Peter 5:14)

b. The R \_\_\_\_\_ of Fellowship (cf. Galatians 2:9)

E. E \_\_\_\_\_ **One Another (6/24)**

F. P \_\_\_\_\_ **One Another (7/1)**

## INTROSPECTION

- \* HOW ARE YOU DOING AT RECEIVING/ACCEPTING ONE ANOTHER?
- \* WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE MAY CAUSE OTHERS TO STUMBLE?  
ARE YOU WILLING TO SET THEM ASIDE IN ORDER TO BE PLEASING TO THEM?
- \* HOW WOULD YOU RATE OUR CHURCH AS WE SEEK TO BALANCE ACCEPTANCE AND HOLINESS?