

# *Drippings of Grace Ministries*

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## **Newsletter Article: "The Power of Acceptance"**

Dear Church Family,

One of the most profound yet often overlooked expressions of Christ's love is *acceptance*. In a world that is increasingly divided—by opinions, by backgrounds, by differences—God calls His people to something higher: a spirit of radical welcome.

Romans 15:7 reminds us, “*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*” This is not a suggestion; it’s a call to action rooted in the very nature of the gospel. Jesus didn’t wait for us to be perfect before He accepted us. He welcomed us while we were still broken, still learning, still growing.

What would it look like if our church community reflected that same kind of acceptance? It might mean listening before judging. It might mean creating space for people who don’t look, think, or speak like us. It could mean being patient with someone who’s struggling, without offering easy answers.

Acceptance doesn’t mean compromising truth—it means leading with grace. It’s not about approval of everything someone does; it’s about recognizing the God-given worth in every person.

Let us be a church where people feel safe to show up as they are and be met with the same love that met us in our own places of need. Let us be a reflection of the open arms of Jesus—arms wide enough to embrace sinners and saints alike, because we are all in need of His mercy.

This month, I encourage you to practice intentional acceptance. Greet someone new. Invite someone into your circle. Listen without rushing to fix. In doing so, we bear witness to the inclusive heart of our Savior.