

EXTENDING GRACE TO LET OTHERS BE

Romans 14

In the Body of Christ there is to be a healthy blend of unity and diversity. Regrettably, it is rare to find both coexisting in harmony. Diversity doesn't promote unity, due to our tendency to judge and criticize those who don't conform to our customs and standards. The result is a failure to live harmoniously and unselfishly with one another. Being involved in each other's life calls for acceptance, mutual respect, tolerance, and love—an enormous amount of **grace** . . . extending grace that lets others be. Today's message emphasizes the importance of our being nonjudgmental, greathearted members of God's forever family, who refuse to force others into our mold.

I. Two Strong Tendencies That Nullify Grace

Introduction

- We tend to _____
- We try to _____

II. Four Biblical Guidelines That Magnify Grace

Exposition

- Accepting others _____
- Letting others _____
- Freeing others _____
- Loving others _____

III. Three Actions That Signify Grace

Application

- Concentrate on _____
- Remember that _____
- Determine where _____