

**Good News**  
**Unity and Peace in *Our* Church**  
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Romans 14:1-12

*“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 13:34-35***

*“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” **John 17:20-21***

**Big Idea: The Gospel is Good News that enables us to extend grace and preserve peace in our church.**

- 1. Stop criticizing and rejecting other believers over non-essential issues.**  
**Romans 14:1-3**
  
- 2. Accept other believers just as God has accepted you.**  
**Romans 14:3b, 15:7**
  
- 3. Remember, they do not answer to you, they answer to God.**  
**Romans 14:4-8**
  
- 4. Live your life to please the Lord because one day you will answer to Him.**  
**Romans 14:9-12**