



WE NEED EACH OTHER

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ROMANS 15:7 NKJV – (7) Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Independence Day - referred to as the **Fourth of July** or **July Fourth** in the U.S., is an annual event commemorating the anniversary of a nation's independence or statehood. It declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire.

Again, "**INDEPENDENCE**" occurred when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, declaring the United States independent from Great Britain rule. In other words, the United States no longer wanted to be under the rule of the British country.

Similarly, when it comes to Christianity, I find that many people want their "**INDEPENDENCE**" instead of following the plan for them made by God. Sadly, we fail to understand that He made us "**DEPENDENT**" of each other.

Reviewing the above text, we read, "Therefore receive one another". This address begins and ends with the same terms. Before, the strong are charged to receive the weak, but here both are charged alike. The strong must receive the weak, and the weak the strong; they must all have communion one with another, continuing in brotherly love, accountable to one another for brethren, exercising mutual forbearance and long-suffering.

We should receive one another as Christ also received us - after the example of Christ, who bears with the infirmities of his followers, putting no difference between Jews and Gentiles. The particle as noted quality, not equality; there is no proportion between the infinite love of Christ and the revealing charity of man. To the glory of God - some join this with the former clause, that we should receive one another to the glory of God. God is glorified by that brotherly love and concord that is among his people. Others join it with the latter clause that Christ hath received us to the glory of God - to make us partakers of the glory of God, or to declare and manifest the glory of God's truth to the Jews, and mercy to the Gentiles, as he shows in the following verses. Believers, we need each other. I hope that is clear to you from the Scriptures.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 10:40

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The same God that got you through this problem, can get you through that problem.