

All Skate

Today's Reading
Romans 12:9-21

In my later grade school years, I loved to roller-skate at our local rink. Unfortunately, the rink employees occasionally interrupted my skating time with brief "couples only," "backwards only," or "race time" specialty skating segments. About the only one of those I participated in was the "hokey poky." I just endured the others until someone finally announced over the loud speaker "all skate."



"All skate!" That is God's declaration to every follower of Jesus Christ. He calls every believer to involvement in the church. You have seen that over the last couple of days in our reading. In fact, yesterday you read how He has gifted each of His children with special abilities that glorify Him and serve others in the body of Christ. But be careful. The involvement He calls you to is not exclusively in specialty areas that reflect your gifting. There are

some ministry opportunities that are "all skate." In other words, there are some things that every one of God's children, regardless of gifting, is called to do.

Nestled in today's reading, you discover some of those "all skate" ministries. All believers are to demonstrate a sincere and devoted love for others. Each follower of Christ is to be committed to personal holiness. Every Christian is to show preference to others above himself/herself. Without exception, believers are to help meet the needs of other believers. Whether you have a specific gift or not, you should practice hospitality. We are all to be people who bless. Sympathy/empathy should mark our lives as we rejoice and mourn with others according to their needs. All of us are to rub shoulders with people of low position. Every Christ follower is to pursue peace with others.

These are just a handful of the "all skate" ministries within the church. Be careful not to leave those areas to people who you deem better suited. Don't miss out on an opportunity to serve because you think that a staff member is "paid to do that." Put your skates on and get out onto the rink! God is announcing over the loud speaker, "All skate!"