
Edify One Another: unity trumps _____ areas (vv. 19-23)

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

²⁰ *Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.*

²¹ *It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.*

Summary:

- a. The strong believer needs to grow in LOVE.
- b. The weak believer needs to grow in KNOWLEDGE.
- c. The weak must LEARN from the strong.
- d. The strong must LOVE the weak.

²² *So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves.*

²³ *But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.*

“Conscience is strengthened by knowledge.
Knowledge must be balanced by love.”

Pg 1: different; Pg 2: Brothers; Pg 3: equals; freedom; Pg 4: gray .

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When Christians Have Genuine Disagreements

How Then Shall We Live? - part 3

Romans 14

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“In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity.” -St. Augustine

Receive One Another as _____ (vv. 1-4)

*Romans 14:1 **Accept him** whose faith is weak, **without passing judgment on disputable matters.***

"disputable" -

"...him whose faith is weak" -

² *One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.*

³ *The man who eats everything **must not look down** on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything **must not condemn** the man who does, **for God has accepted him.***

⁴ *Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.*

Receive One Another as _____ (vv. 5-9)

Romans 14:5 One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

"Fully convinced in his own mind" -

⁶ He who **regards** one day as **special**, does so to the Lord....

⁶ ... He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

⁷ For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone.

⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, **we belong** to the **Lord**.

⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Receive One Another as humble _____ (vv. 10-12)

Romans 14:10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'"

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Edify One Another: love trumps _____ (vv. 13-18)

*Romans 14:13 Therefore let us **stop passing judgment** on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any **stumbling block** or **obstacle** in your brother's way.*

¹⁴ As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone **regards** something as unclean, then for him it is unclean.

¹⁵ If your brother is **distressed** because of what you eat, you are no longer **acting in love**. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died.

Gal. 5:13 For you were called to freedom brothers, but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh but be servants of one another.

¹⁶ Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil.

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.
