

PART V

SOUND LIVING

ROMANS

— I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL —

February 3/4, 2018

SERMON NOTES

Accepting Each Other

Romans 14:1-13

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Romans 14:1-13 (NLT)

¹Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong.

²For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables.

³Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them.

⁴Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval.

⁵In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable.

⁶Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves.

⁸If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

⁹Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

¹⁰So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

¹¹For the Scriptures say, " 'As surely as I live,' says the LORD, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance praise to God.'"

¹²Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

¹³So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.

3 Ways You Can "Accept" a Fellow Christian Who Has a Different Viewpoint on a Non-Issue Than You:

1. You accept people by not looking down on them! Verses 1-2

2. You accept people by not condemning them! Verse 3

3. You accept people by not trying to change them! Verse 4

3 Reasons Why We Shouldn't Try to Change People:

1. Because God has already accepted them. Verse 3

Romans 15:7 (NIV)

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..."

2. Because you don't know their motives. Verses 5-6

3. Because you're only accountable for yourself. Verses 10-13a

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Memory Verse: *So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.*

Romans 14:13 (NLT)

Monday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Review the sermon outline. Which part of the sermon spoke to you?

What part of the sermon challenged you?

What change do you need to make in your life as a result of hearing the sermon?

Tuesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Romans 14:1-2.

How are we to treat those weak in their faith (v. 1)?

Why is it more important to accept them rather than to debate with them?

What is the difference between someone who is weak in their faith and someone who is rebellious? Why is this difference important to understand?

What example does Paul give of a disputable matter?

In Paul's mind, who was the weaker brother? Why would he have been considered weaker?

Has legalism ever made you feel mature in your faith, but when you look back you see how truly weak you were? Explain.

Wednesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Romans 14:3-6.

What does Paul remind Christians in verses 3-4?

What spiritual conflict have you seen arise among believers? How could this have been avoided?

What is the second disputable matter Paul talks about (v. 5)?

Why would Paul be willing to leave these matters up to the conscience of the individual?

Does this mean that Paul accepted sinful behavior? Explain.

Thursday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Romans 14:7-9.

What does it mean that we don't live for ourselves? Give an example.

Who are we to please with our life? If we have Christ in our life, to whom do we belong?

Why is this important to remember while we go about our day-to-day life?

What was one of the reasons Paul gives for Christ's death and resurrection (v.9)? Why is this significant when talking about New Testament freedoms?

Friday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Romans 14:10-13.

Why does Paul remind us that we will all stand before God's judgment seat?

What does Paul teach about this judgment (vs.10-12)?

What do the following verses say about this judgment?
2 Corinthians 5:10-

1 Corinthians 3:10-15-