

"I'll Be The Judge?"

Romans 14: 5 - 9

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God Requires That His Children Not Pass Judgment Upon Who Others May Or May Not Be, (vs. 1 - 23)

- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon How Another May Or May Not Worship, (vs. 5 - 9)
 1. I may not pass judgment upon what day someone may worship; as long as they honor God, (vs. 5 - 6a)
 - The day of worship is not the point, the conviction of worship is, (vs. 5); *"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. "* (Colossians 2:16-17)
 - The conviction is "observation" of a day for the honoring of Christ, (vs. 6a); *"For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. "* (1 Corinthians 10:29-11:1)
 2. I may not pass judgment upon how someone may worship; as long as they honor God, (vs. 6b)
 - It is the believers nature to honor & thank God no matter how it may be expressed; *"Should I **WEEP** and abstain in the fifth month (Destruction of Jerusalem, 586 BC) , as I have done for so many years?" Then the word of the LORD of hosts... When you **FASTED** and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh (Anniversary of assassination, Gedaliah, governor of Judah, 581 BC), for these seventy years, was it for me that you **FASTED**? And when you **EAT** and when you **DRINK**, do you not **EAT** for yourselves and **DRINK** for yourselves?... "Thus **SAYS** the LORD of hosts, **RENDER** true judgments, **SHOW** kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."* (Zechariah 7:3-10)
 3. In reality all believers belong to Christ & must honor Him in every aspect of life; not just worship, (vs. 7 - 9)
 - Our submission to Christ & our death to self is not a plan we would have picked, (vs. 7); *"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. "* (Romans 5:10)
"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. " (Galatians 2:20)
 - We "live" & "die" because we belong to Christ, (vs. 8); *"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. "* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - Christ's lordship over death & life was His purpose in coming, (vs. 9); *"Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. "* (Isaiah 53:10-11)

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. " (Revelation 1:17-18)
- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon How Another May Or May Not Give An Account Before God, (vs. 10 - 12)
- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon What Another May Or May Not Believe Is Right, (vs. 13 - 19)
- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon What God Himself Has Purposed To Do, (vs. 20 - 23)