

The Lord of the Weak and the Strong

Romans 14:1-12

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Our Lord Jesus Christ has called us to be peacemakers.

There is trouble in the church because there are recovering sinners in the church.

Paul is pleading for unity while we differ on the details of the faith.

What is Christian Liberty?

What is Liberty of Conscience?

No one can make up rules for us to follow in order to be saved.

Who are the Weak?

The Weak sincerely hold unnecessary religious convictions.

Who are the Strong?

Those who are right on the issue, but wrong in their practice of it.

The strong understand their liberty in Christ.

Both the weak and the strong are both believers.

The issues are not central to the faith, important but not essential.

A Word to the Strong v 1

How are we to get on with each other in the Church with differing convictions?

How are the strong and the mature to walk before and encourage the weak?

Example Number One v 2

Eating something considered unclean? (Acts 10:13-15).

A Word to the Weak and the Strong v 3-4

You are not to hold in contempt or judge one whom God has accepted.

Allow me to give you a job performance review.

Because Jesus is the Lord, we do not Lord it over others.

Example Number Two v 5

Special days -Old Jewish calendar, ceremonial laws

Why is this not the Sabbath day?

- 1) Sabbath is a creation ordinance, not merely a part of the ceremonial law.

- 2) The Lord's Day, the first Day of the week, the day of resurrection is seen in the NT as having special significance.

Honoring God with our Convictions v 6

Take a stand, have conviction. Honor God with your convictions.

But, don't make your convictions the standard for everyone else.

Sabbath keeping is like giving a birthday gift to someone.

Living and Dying for the Lord v 7-9

We are not our own. We are to honor God and be a blessing to others.

We are to think of the impact our lives have on others.

The Final Judgment ought to Temper our Judgments v 10-12

We all will answer to God!

Accept your Brother.