

# Romans 14:1-3

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## Free Yet One

### 1) Freedom & Unity in the Church

- a. Gospel to Jew & Gentile
- b. Freedom for the Jew
- c. Freedom for the Gentile
- d. Jew/Gentile Interaction
- e. Our Present Struggles

Examples: 1 Cor 7:1, 11:3-4, 14:34-35, 1 Peter 3:3

- i. Varying Backgrounds
- ii. Varying Interpretations
- iii. Varying Knowledge
- iv. Varying Convictions
- v. Varying Preferences

### 2) Defining Terms

- a. "Freedom"
- b. "Weak / Strong"
- c. "Faith"

### 3) Welcome Your Brother

- a. The Situation (v. 2)
- b. Instructions (v. 1,3)
- c. Rationale (v. 3)

#### Praxis

1. What is an area in which some see as a freedom, yet you struggle to view it that way?
2. Which of the 5 reasons may be at the root of this difference (varying background, interpretation of Scripture, knowledge of Scripture, convictions formed, preferences)?
3. Is it possible to be "strong brother" in one area of freedom and a "weak brother" in another area? How so?
4. What does 'welcoming' a brother with convictions that vary from yours look like within a local church (in heart, in action)?
5. What does 'welcoming' look like for a Christian brother outside your local church?