

**INTRODUCTION:**

**1. WHY DID PAUL ADDRESS STUMBLINGBLOCKS AND CONSCIENCE IN THIS PORTION OF ROMANS?**

**a. Consider first a very brief outline of Romans.**

**b. Consider secondly a brief survey of chapters 12 and 13.**

**(1) *Christ's people are to be living sacrifices (12:1-2).*** Paul says

**(2) *Christ's people should live in unity, using their gifts to edify the body (12:3-8).***

**(3) *Christ's people are to love sincerely (12:9-21).***

**(4) *Christ's people are to be submissive to the powers that be (13:1-7).***

**(5) *Christ's people are to serve Him communities of love (13:8-10).***

**(6) *Christ's people are to be alert and to live in holiness (13:11-13).***

**(7) *Christ's people are to make no provision for their lusts (13:14).***

**2. CONSIDER THE THINGS OVER WHICH WE DISAGREE.**

**a. Primary doctrine**

**b. Secondary doctrine**

**c. Indifferent doctrine**

**3. WHAT ARE THE MAIN LESSONS WE MAY DRAW FROM CHAPTER 14 REGARDING OUR CONSCIENCES?**

***(1) Congregations are usually made up of strong and weak consciences (14:1-2).***

***(2) God receives His children whether strong or weak of conscience (14:3-4).***

***(3) All believers should be fully persuaded in what they believe (14:5).***

***(4) Jesus is the Lord of His people and their consciences (14:5-9).***

***(5) All believers will give account of their lives in the Day of Judgment (14:10-13a).***

***(6) All believers are to avoid putting stumbling blocks before other believers (14:13b)***

***(7) Our liberty can destroy other believers (14:14-17).***

***(8) All believers should follow after peace with other believers (14:18-20).***

***(9) All believers should deny themselves for the well-being of others (14:21).***

***(10) All believers embrace or reject what they do by faith (14:22-23).***

**CONCLUSION:**