

## **Pt 47 Romans 14:7-12 Every Knee Shall Bow**

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8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

We pick back up where we left off last Sunday in Romans 14. Last time we discussed the “doubtful disputations” between church members concerning those that are weak in the faith by holding onto their old religious practices and those strong in the faith and have accepted the grace of the New Covenant made to us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

We saw the question asked in verse 4 **Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.**

Paul cautions that neither party judge the other because we do not answer to each other, we answer to God. These next verses expound more upon that.

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These verses go against the present-day belief of most people that we live and die for ourselves. It is a me, myself, and I world that we live in. We think our way is best. Our way is the right way. Our way is the best way. It's our way or the highway. But we are told the exact opposite in God's Word.

We are to live unto the Lord. We are to obey his desires and wishes for our lives because he purchased us with his own blood, and we belong to Him. Listen to what the Bible says in **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

When you purchase something, it is your's. You own it, you control it. What if you went out and purchased a new car and your neighbor walked over and grabbed the keys out of your hand and only let you drive it on Sunday? I venture to say most people would put a pretty big fuss over that and refuse to allow our neighbor to take over possession of our vehicle. The car belongs to you, it is your possession, therefore, it is your's to do what you please with it. Yet we treat God like he can only have us on Sunday for a couple of hours and the rest of the week we do whatever we want.

Therefore everything we do as a Christian should be done in a manner as to bring Him glory: **1 Corinthians 10:31** *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

Another reason we are to live for the Lord and seek His will and His approval for everything we do is so that our lives will be pleasing to Him:

**Colossians 1:10** *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

**1 Thessalonians 2:4** *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.*

**1 John 3:22** *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

So, whether in life or in death, we live and die unto God and not ourselves because we are not our own.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Again, Paul brings up judging our brother and not only judging him but doing so with contempt. That's what that phrase “**set at nought**” means. It means **to despise with contempt**. It all boils down to self-centeredness and conceit. Most people in this world think they are better than everyone else and deserve everything more than anyone else. Whenever we see someone successful, we despise them because we feel we should be more successful than them.

Well, here's a problem with that: **for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ**. I don't know about you, but that verse scares me. We can get by with fooling other people. We can pretend to be something we are not and live our lives in front of others the way we want them to see us. We will take a hundred selfies of ourselves and scrutinize each and every one of them and only share the very best one. You know the one. The one that doesn't make you look as fat or cross eyed or buck toothed, or dumb. We want to pretend that we are perfect, and you might fool everyone on social media but one day **we shall ALL stand before the judgment seat of Christ**, the One who knows all and see all. There will be no hiding from Him.

No, Christians are not going to be judged for their sins, those have already been paid for, but you better believe we are going to be judged for our works and lack of works.

**1 Corinthians 3:13** *Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

**1 Corinthians 4:5** *Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.*

**2 Corinthians 5:10** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

**Hebrews 4:13** *Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Here Paul quotes from the Old Testament, a truth which carries on into the New Testament.

**Isaiah 45:23** I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Paul also says the same thing to the Church at

**Philippians 2:10-11** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

So, not only will every Christian bow their knees before Him, but so will every lost sinner. Nothing and no one is left out, not on the earth, under the earth, or in heaven – **EVERY knee shall bow.**

Many people here on earth laugh and mock us for our belief in the Lord Jesus. They act we are sheep that has been blinded. If they only knew it was the exact opposite.

I've been studying and reading a lot about the recent Supreme Court document leak. The document is an initial draft majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito circulated inside the court concerning the overturning of Roe vs Wade and Planned Parenthood vs Casey.

The document states: "*We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled.*" "*It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives.*"

They have not yet discovered how the document was leaked. This is the first time in the history of the Supreme Court one of these draft majority opinions has been leaked. I personally believe it was one of the liberal justices trying to cause a disruption before the next election. Right now the Supreme Court has 5 conservative justices and 4 liberal ones. That is why there is such a big deal whenever a new one is elected, it can sway votes one way or another.

If Roe v. Wade is reversed, 22 states would ban abortions, including our great State of Tennessee.

But, getting back to what we are talking about: With this bombshell leak, we are seeing both sides of the issue having a meltdown. Let's face it. Taking the life of an unborn baby is not a political issue and not necessarily a religious issue, it is a moral issue. It has nothing to do with separation of Church and State, it is a separation of moral and immoral acts.

Those screaming the loudest about banning abortions are the so-called "pro-choice" people, or as I prefer to call them "pro-death."

Listen to what God says in **Proverbs 8:35-36** For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

The fact is, those who hate God, love death, especially killing babies. Those people will bow their knees before Him one day and it's not going to go well for them. Listen to what is going to become those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ:

**Psalms 2:1-12**

- 1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

There is going to be a day when God is going to have enough. It says that He is going to laugh. The God of love, the God of peace, the God of comfort, the God of Grace, the God of mercy is going to laugh as he speaks out His judgment of wrath on those who reject Him. On those who laughed at Christians. For those who murdered little innocent babies inside the mother's womb. They will scream, beg, and cry for mercy when they come before God, but it will be too late. They had their chance. Oh how awful to think that God will laugh at them.

This isn't the only place the Bible tells us that God is going to laugh in the face of evil doers. **Psalm 37:12-13** The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. 13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

**Psalm 59:5-9** Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. 6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear? 8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

**Proverbs 1:22-31** How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? 23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. 24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

God has made it clear in His Word the seriousness of disobeying him and profaning that which is Godly. There will be a day when those people are going to hear God laugh as he pours out his righteous holy wrath upon sin. Trust me, you don't want to be on the receiving end of God's wrath, you will not stand a chance in hell. -- Listen, right now there is still hope for the sinner. There is still hope for the mother who took her own babies' life. There is still hope for the abortion doctor who used his evil tools to dissect those precious little babies. Yes, all these can be saved by repenting of their sin and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. But time is drawing near. This old world will not be around much longer. The Bible says in 2 **Corinthians 6:2** ...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.