

Romans 14:1-12

The God that Welcomes (Romans 14:1-12)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

Romans 14:1

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The Weak in Faith (14:1-2; 5-6)

The Strength of the Weak

The Strong in Faith

Welcome! (Romans 14:1, 3; 15:7)

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

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The Weakness of the Strong

Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

Romans 14:3

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Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:4

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Making Judgments and Passing Judgment

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

Romans 14:5–6

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For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Romans 14:7–9

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Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;

Romans 14:10

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for it is written,
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee
shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to
God."

Romans 14:11–12

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So then each of us will give an
account of himself to God.

Romans 14:11–12

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The Final Judgment

Final thoughts

Sermon: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome!

1. Read Romans 14:1,3; 15:7. How has God in Christ welcomed you? In light of this how should you welcome others? And according to 15:7 what should be your goal?

Can we talk?

2. According James 1:19 where do quarrels and fights come from? Now re-read Romans 14:1 in light of James 1:19. How might the principles from these passages help you better navigate conversations with people who disagree with you over secondary matters?

Thinking too highly of yourself? Think again.

3. Read Romans 12:3 and Philippians 2:3. How does your own self-perception effect the way you interact with others? Who do you think you are?

4. Read Romans 14:4-6. What is the point of the rhetorical question Paul asks at the beginning of verse 4?

More questions.

5. Read Romans 14:7-12. What 2 traps must we avoid to maintain unity according to the two rhetorical questions found in verse 10. The final judgment.

6. Read Matthew 25:31-45. In light of Romans 14:10-12 by what standard will Christ judge you at the final judgment. How should we treat the least of these and those weak in faith be in light of this?
