

Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: Accept Your Brother, Part 2
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Series Title*: Romans
Text: Romans 14:1-12
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Message Outline

Accept Your Brother!

Preserving Unity In the Diverse Body of Christ
Part 2 of 2

- I. **The Exhortation (1-3b) -- Accept the One Who is Weak!**
- II. **The Reason (3b-4) -- God Has Accepted Him**
- III. **Why Differences Can Be OK (5-9) -- Each is Convinced He Is Living For the Lord**
- IV. **Why You Should Not Judge Your Brother (10-12) -- You are Not The Judge. God Is!**

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

- Romans 14:1 - 15:13

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- Read v. 4. When we are having a difference of opinion with another Christian, why is it important to keep in mind that persons relation to God?
- Read v. 5. Is it fair (right in God's eyes) of you to not accept a brother who is "fully convinced" about a matter of faith when you yourself are not fully convinced but rather you hold a different opinion without understanding why you believe what you believe?
- Practically speaking, what **is** required for you to be "fully convinced" about a belief regarding God that affects how you live out your Christian life? What **should be** required if we are to avoid stubborn narrow mindedness that is convinced of our beliefs simply because they are our beliefs?
- If a genuine believer is fully convinced as he or she should be about something about which you are convinced otherwise, what good thing must you at least admit about that person in regards to his or her devotion to God (see 6-9)? How does that affect your disposition towards your differing brother?
- Describe the differences between one who is disobedient to God and one who misunderstands God? What must the disobedient do in order to recover from their disobedience? What must the misunderstanding person do to address their misunderstanding? What would this passage advise you to do in regards to your brother who disobeys? And in regards to your brother who misunderstands?
- What is Paul's main point in saying, "we will all stand before the judgment seat of God" (10) and that "each one of us will give an account of himself to God (12)? Is it that we will be judged and have to give account? Or does it have more to do with who will judge us and to whom we will give account?
- **Community Group Discussion: How can we live out our Christian lives in the practical mechanics of our meeting together heeding the exhortations and considering the reasons Paul gives for them?**

Memory & Meditation Verse

"But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God." Romans 14:10

Next Sunday

Romans 14:13-23