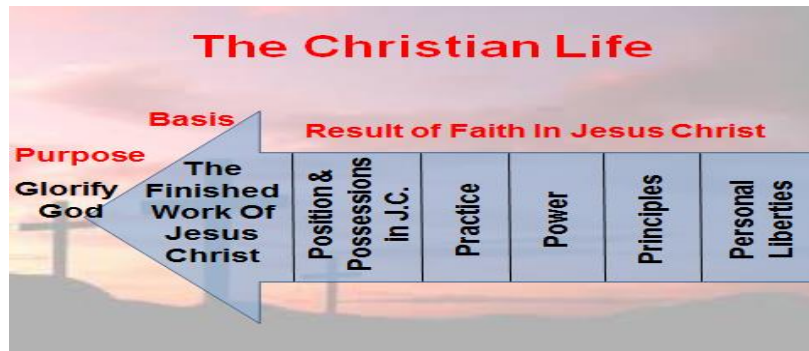


## THE ANSWERS TO LEGALISM Pt. 6 (Romans 7:1-6)

- Legalism is the mental attitude or false belief which seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the blessings of God by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ for either salvation or sanctification.
  - a. Modern-day LEGALISM as it relates to SALVATION / JUSTIFICATION:
  - b. LEGALISM as it relates to SALVATION / SANCTIFICATION:
    9. There is the problem of the \_\_\_\_\_ of others in areas of personal liberty or conscience. (Romans 14)
- What is the general context of this passage?



- What are some of the scriptural principles in Romans leading up to Romans 14?
- What are the biblical commands before Romans 14? Why is this important? (Gal.5:13)
- License involves the mental attitude that abuses the \_\_\_\_\_ by using your liberty in Christ as an excuse to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of serving \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

### ROMANS 14

**Instruction / Application:** Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. (14:1)

- Some needed clarification about these issues:
  - 1) These are areas of personal liberty and conscience that are not specifically \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God.
  - 2) These do not include areas of clearly defined \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom.13:11-14), or which are \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom.13:1-7), or involve \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 16:17).
  - 3) These are due to different \_\_\_\_\_ (14:2, 5) and \_\_\_\_\_. (14:1, 15:1)
  - 4) These can be used to \_\_\_\_\_ or misused to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5) These areas of liberty have multiple \_\_\_\_\_ that intersect with them.

**Example #1:** For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. (14:2)

**Warnings about how NOT to handle these differences: (14:3)**

- 1) Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and
- 2) let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; **Why?** for God has received him.

**Question:** Who are you to judge another's servant? (14:4a) **Answer:** To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. (14:4b)

**Example #2:** One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike.

**Instruction / Application:** Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. (14:5)

**Bottom Line Issue #1 in an area of liberty and conscience (14:6-9):**

He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord;

and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it.

He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks;

and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7

For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8

For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9

For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**Bottom Line Issue #2 in an area of liberty and conscience (14:10-12):**

**Question #2:** But why do you judge your brother? (14:10a)

**Question #3:** Or why do you show contempt for your brother? (14:10b)

**Reason:** For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (14:10c) **Scriptural support:** For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." (14:11)

**Conclusion:** So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (14:12)

**Bottom Line Issue #3 in an area of liberty and conscience (14:13-17):** Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. (14:13)

**Biblical Principle:** I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself;

**Observation #1:** but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. (14:14)

**Observation #2:** Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. (14:15a)

**Instruction / Application:** Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. (14:15b)

**Warning:** Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; (14:16) **Reason:** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Bottom Line Issue #4 in an area of liberty and conscience (14:18):** For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. (14:18)