

Romans 14:1-6
For Conscience' Sake

Assorted views ...

- I. Mixed Bag One Body
 - A. Strong Faith
 - B. Weak Faith
 - C. One Faith
- II. Different Takes One Motive
 - A. Foods & Days
 - B. Dangers & Deference
 - C. Honor & Thanks
- III. Two Sinners One Righteous
 - A. Weak Judge
 - B. Strong Judge
 - C. One Judge

... one goal.

Children, Listen ...

1. Do all true Christians all agree on the basics of the faith? Things like Who Jesus is, how people are forgiven of sins, etc.?
2. Does that mean that all Christians are going to agree on everything?
3. How should we treat other Christians who may disagree with us on things that are not super-important to the faith?
4. In the Old Testament God's people were not to eat certain foods. Is that still true for Christians today?
5. We may celebrate many special holidays throughout the year, but what is the day God calls us to celebrate every week?

Something in My Eye

The church is made up of people from different backgrounds, convictions, priorities and faith-maturity levels. Many of the things that distinguish us have nothing to do with sin and therefore should not be dealt with as sin. Paul warns against judging one another over matters that do not have bearing on salvation and that do not qualify as sin – Jesus does something quite similar. The apostle hones in on issues that arise from the difference between those who are strong in the faith and those who are weak. It is sometimes hard to distinguish who is which regarding what issue in the local church. However, the bottom line is this, true Christians share one faith and should have as their main motive honoring God and giving him thanks in all things. The more we spend energy serving and glorifying God and the more we concern ourselves with our own sanctification, the less interest we will have in scrutinizing others in the church and judging them on where they, in our estimation, fall short. Keeping an eye on the grace God has given us will help us look at others with a kinder eye. Lord, help us to see that what we have in Christ is all of grace that we might look at others under grace, more graciously.