



“Accepting One Another”

Romans 14:1-4

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Introduction

1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, [but] not for [the purpose of] passing judgment on his opinions. [Rom 14:1 NASB95]

✳️ How to live together in regard to sin and the lusts of the flesh.

Clothe yourselves in Christ's _____. v14, Gal 3:27, Eph 4:24, Col 3:12

- 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to [its] lusts. [Rom 13:14 NASB95]
- 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**. [Gal 3:27 NASB95]
- 24 and **put on** the new self, which in [the likeness of] God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. [Eph 4:24]
- So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on **a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience**; [Col 3:12]

▶ **How to _____ yourselves in Christ's righteousness.**

- ✓ **Present your body a living sacrifice.**
- ✓ **Be transformed renewing your mind.**
- ✓ **By God's grace use your allotted measure of faith.**
- ✓ **Use your spiritual gift for others benefit.**
- ✓ **Fervently love one another as the family of God.**
- ✓ **Care and share for the brethren.**
- ✓ **Love your enemies and those who persecute you.**
- ✓ **Do not pay back evil for evil, that is to do evil.**
- ✓ **Do good.**
- ✓ **Fulfill the law by the love of Christ.**

— Summary of Romans 12 & 13

✳️ How to confront _____ teaching.

 Jde 1:3-4

3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you **contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all handed down to the saints. 4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. [Jde 1:3-4 NASB95]

✳️ How to love the _____ in faith.

 Phl 2:2-4

2 make my joy complete by **being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose**. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not [merely] look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. [Phl 2:2-4 NASB95]

▶ Two questionable matters are identified in regard to sanctification:

- 1) What may a Christian eat? v1-4
- 2) What days must be observed?

▶ The weak in faith is one who does not distinguish between the clear commands in Scripture and the questionable matters regarding a Christian's sanctification.

7 Principles regarding separation from things not commanded. v1

Regarding food v1-4

Regarding Holy days v5-8

Questionable things...

1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, [but] not for [the purpose of] passing judgment on his opinions. [Rom 14:1]

1. **Receive in friendship one who is _____ in faith.** Rom 15:77
Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. [Rom 15:7 NASB95]

2. **Do not judge the _____ of the Lord's servant _____** Dispute their reasoning
* **One person eat's all _____.** v2; Gen9:3; 3:10

2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables [only.] [Rom 14:2 NASB95]

3 "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as [I gave] the green plant. [Gen 9:3]

18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; [Gen 3:18 NASB95]

* **One who is weak eats only _____.** Exo 15:26

26 And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put **none of the diseases** on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer." [Exo 15:26 NASB95]

3. **One who eats is not to _____ one who does not eat.** v3
3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. [Rom 14:3]

4. **One who doesn't eat is not to _____ one who does eat.**
* **III. Covid masks**

5. **The Lord _____ the one the weak in faith judges.**

6. **Do not judge the master's _____.** General principles for both
4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. [Rom 14:4]

7. **"The Lord is able to make His servant _____."** 1Co 4:2
2 In this case, moreover, **it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.** 3 But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by [any] human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. 4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. 5 Therefore **do not go on passing judgment before the time**, [but wait] until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of [men's] hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. [1Co 4:2-5 NASB95]

* **III. Eric Liddell - Olympics 100 to 400 on Sabbath [Sunday]**

* **III. Christmas tree controversy**

* **III. Easter eggs**