

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

“How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?”

Week 17: Romans 14:1-23, “Do Not Cause Another to Stumble”

I. Romans 14:1-4

1. What was the setting of the early Christians that would lead some people to despise certain people for refraining from eating certain foods, or lead others to judge (condemn) others who would eat certain foods? See also Acts 10:9-15; Lev 11:26-31

2. On another occasion why does Paul warn against insisting on eating certain foods or observing certain days? See Colossians 2:16-23

3. Why should we not pass eternal judgment on someone's actions? (v 4)

II. Romans 14:5-12

4. Show how verses 14:6 and 14:17 explain each other.

5. When we are inclined to insist on having things go our way, what should we remember? (7-9)

6. How does this provide comfort throughout our life and as we approach death?

7. When tempted to judge actions not directly governed by the Law of God or to judge people's motives, what should we remember? (10-12)

8. When are times and circumstances for Christians to judge? 1 Corinthians 5:3

III. Romans 14:13-23

9. How can what one eats become a stumbling block? (13-15)

10. What are Christians to seek within the church? (17,19)

11. Why should we respect the consciences of other Christians regarding things in the church?
(Also see 1 Cor 8:9-12)

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 14:8, “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.”

Rom 14:19, “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding..”