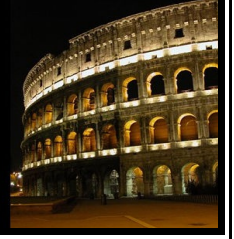


# Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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## "Weak and Strong Must Get Along" (part 1) Romans 14:1-12



### Introduction:

#### I. ACCEPTING A WEAK BROTHER (14:1-4)

##### A. The Problem (vs. 1)

"Now accept the one who is weak in faith,"

"but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions."

##### B. The Prohibition (vs. 2-3)

"One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only."

"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."

##### C. The Provision (vs. 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."

#### II. ALLOWING FOR DIFFERENCES AMONG BROTHERS (14:5-9)

##### A. The Practice (vs. 5-6)

"One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike."

"Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind."

"He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God;"

"and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God."

B. The Power (vs. 7-8)

“For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;”

“for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”

C. The Pattern (vs. 9)

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

**III. ACCUSING ANOTHER BROTHER (14:10-12)**

A. The Priority (vs. 10a)

“But you, why do you judge your brother?”

“Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt?”

B. The Principle (vs. 10b-11)

“For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.”

“For it is written, “AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.”

Isaiah 45:23 (c.f. Philippians 2:10-11)

C. The Precept (vs. 12)

“So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.”

**Conclusion:**

- 1) There is no place for judging fellow believers on disputable matters of faith.
- 2) Every Christian is a servant of God and is answerable to Him above all else.
- 3) The lordship of Jesus Christ is, and should be always, the motivation and the guiding standard for all we do.

**Food for Thought:**

- 1) What constitutes a “weak” brother? a “strong” brother?
- 2) How do you become “fully convinced” in your own mind? What does this mean?
- 3) Who is the ultimate judge in areas of Christian liberty? How does that play out practically?
- 4) How much time should be spent on trying to straighten out the views of other Christians in gray areas? How can that time be better spend?