

*Bible Study Through*  
**ROMANS**

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# OUTLINE

## Chaps 1-8

### FAITH

- 1-3 Recognize our sin      BIG Problem!
- 4-5 How is one saved      BIG Gift!
- 6-8 Process of sanctification      NOW you know!

## Chaps 9-11

### HOPE Can God love us without rescinding His Holy nature?

- 9 Israel's history
- 10 Israel's current situation
- 11 Israel's future

## Chaps 12-16

### LOVE The *process of sanctification* in our lives.

- 12 Service to others
- 13 Respect government
- 14-15 One's conscience
- 16 Greetings/salutations

# TONIGHT'S PLAN

## CAPITVLVM XIII

- Judgment vs. Discernment
- Religious Rituals and Cultural Customs vs. *Sin*
- Conscience and Christian Maturity
- FOOD or DAYS or *anything*
- Time for Judgment via Discernment
- “Disputables” vs. “*Indisputables*”

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# Romans 14:1-4

*[segue] Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts -*

now accept the one who is weak in faith

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

**re: EATING** - 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 *[no contempt toward each other]*

**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 oiketes* [not *doulos*] the average person doing basic tasks

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*Interesting that the one burdened is the one attempting to live under the restrictions*

**KEY POINT:** *Judging Rituals/Customs DIFFERENT from judging sin*

# Romans 14:5-9

## re: SPECIAL DAYS

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

He who eats does so for the Lord - He gives thanks to God

[both observances or dietary for the Lord]

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

For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself.

For **if we live, we live for the Lord**. **If we die, we die for the Lord**.

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

**To this end** Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and the living.

# Romans 14:5-9

## DAYS

Jewish weekly Shabbat

Feasts [Passover, Unleavened Bread, 1<sup>st</sup> Fruits, Pentecost, Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot]

Special “high days” [John 19:31]

**Consider:** **Genesis 2:3** is 7<sup>th</sup> day of rest – way BEFORE the Law

Jesus observed Feasts and Sabbath

**Hebrews 4 [note v-9]** “entering the ‘rest’ as modeled by Sabbath”

**Matt 12, Mark 2, Luke 6** disciples picked wheat and ate on Sabbath

*Jesus compared to David + men eating shewbread*

*Jesus states HE is Lord of the Sabbath [Sabbath not Lord]*

**Jesus healed 7x on Sabbath:** 1-Peter’s mother-in-law 2-demon possessed man in Capernaum, 3-lame man at pool of Bethesda 4-man with withered hand, 5-man with dropsy [Luke 14:1-6 “is it lawful to heal on Sabbath?”] 6-man born blind 7-woman bent over for 18 years

# Romans 14:5-9

## 70 Special DAYS

- 52 weekly shabbat
- + 7 days Shavvot
- + 7 days Passover
- + 1 day Feast of Weeks
- + 1 day Yom Teruah
- + 1 day Yom Kippur
- + 1 day Assembly 8<sup>th</sup> Day

## Ultimately

### Colossians 2:16-17

*Let no one judge you re: Food, Drink, Feast, New Moon, Shabbat*

*These are simply FORESHADOWS of what is still to come*

*and the substance of these is Jesus Christ*

# Romans 14:5-9

## DAYS

**Mark 3:1-5** **Matt. 12:8-14** Seeing the man with the withered hand in synagogue on Shabbat, Jesus had compassion, but ***none would answer*** him, "Is it lawful to do good or harm on Shabbat?"

**Lev. 12:3 + John 7:22-23** *If the 8<sup>th</sup> day for circumcision is on Shabbat, do you do it then?  
Keeping the Law of Moses and Breaking the Law in same action*

**Matt. 12:5** *Priests profane Shabbat*

**Luke 13:10-17** *Jesus rebuked synagogue official angry about woman with chronic bleeding*

**TODAY:** *7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists seek to abide by Jewish Shabbat  
Many churches Sunday = sabbath/rest [but it's 1<sup>st</sup> day of week, not 7<sup>th</sup>]*

# Romans 14:5-9

## DIETARY

- Special preparation
- Certain kinds of foods included / excluded

1960s-70s NJ: Catholics NO meat Ash Wed, Good Friday, all Fridays during Lent [fish]

**Consider: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinth. 8:1-13** All have **knowledge** - **knowledge makes arrogant**, but love edifies  
Things sacrificed to idols, we know there is no such thing as an idol – there's no God but one  
Not all men **have this knowledge** - some accustomed to idols eat *food* as if sacrificed to an idol  
and their conscience being weak is defiled

**HOWEVER** food will not commend us to God. We are neither worse if we do not eat nor better if we do eat. Take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. If someone sees you, who have **knowledge** dining in an idol's temple will not his **conscience**, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols?

For through **your knowledge** he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.

# Romans 14:10-13

But you, *why do you judge your brother?*

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

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.”*

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

Therefore *let us not judge one another anymore*, but rather determine this –

*not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way*

**Proverbs 21:2** *Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart*

**Matt. 7:4-5** *How do you say to your brother let me take that spec from your eye when there's a PLANK in your eye? You **hupo-krites** take care of the PLANK in your own eye first, then you can take care of the spec in your brother's eye.*

**Matt. 7:1** *Do not judge so that you will not be judged*

**Eccles. 7:20** *There is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and **never sins***

**John 8:7** *Woman caught in adultery - "Whoever is without sin cast first stone"*

# Romans 14:10-13

## JUDGE or DISCERN?

**Judge** κρίνω “krino” = distinguish truth from lie to render decision

**1<sup>st</sup> Corin. 2:15** He who is spiritual ἀνακρίνω ‘anakrino’ = sifts, scrutinizes, examines, **judges ALL**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corin. 6:2-3** **Saints will judge** the world - if so, are you worthy to judge in smaller matters?

*We will judge angels, how much more things that pertain to this life!*

**Matthew 18:15** If your brother sins, **reprove/correct in private** - if he listens you have won him

**Hebrews 12:7** It is **for discipline you endure** - God deals with us as a father disciplines children

**Luke 12:54-8** See cloud in west, a shower is coming [you judge, discern by what you see]

See south wind blowing, it will be hot day [you judge, discern by what you know]

**You can decipher** earth’s weather signs, but you can’t discern this present time?

Why not on your initiative **judge what is right?** Similar to ‘on your way to court’

**Matt. 7:15-16** Beware of false prophets who come in as sheep, but are wolves, **KNOW** them by fruit

**John 7:24** Judge with righteousness judgment, not solely on outward appearance

# Romans 14:10-13

## JUDGMENT *or* DISCERNMENT?

**John 7:24** Don't judged on [outward] appearance, but **judge with righteous judgment**

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1** Do not believe every spirit, but **TEST the spirits** to see whether from God or not

**Hosea 14:9** *Whoever is wise, let him understand these things - Whoever is discerning, let him know them, for the ways of the LORD are right - the **righteous will walk in them but transgressors will stumble in them***

**2 Tim. 3:15-16** *From childhood you have known the Scriptures, which are able to give wisdom - because all Scripture is God-breathed [θεόπνευστος theo-pneustos] profitable for teaching, **reproof, correction, training in righteousness***

**James 5:20** *Believers can **turn another from error in his ways** and save him from death*

**1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 5:20** **Rebuke** those who persist in sin

**Romans 2:1-3** *You will have no excuse when you pass judgment, you condemn yourself if you **practice** the very same things - God's judgment rightly falls on **those who practice** When you pass judgment and practice same thing, will you escape judgment?*

# Romans 14:10-13

## JUDGMENT *or* DISCERNMENT?

**1st Corinthians 5** *Paul calls out a man in the church having sex with his step-mother  
You have failed to act [discern, judge] and remove him from fellowship  
"I have **already judged** him as if I was present" [little leaven to the whole]*

**1st Corinthians 4:5** ***Do not judge one's motives/heart/intentions** [only God knows heart]  
Instead only judge/discern the actual actions*

**ALSO:** *Paul is getting at [Romans 14:1-4] do not judge on the "disputable" areas [Food, Days]*

**Galatians 6:1** *When you do exercise discernment - do so for the "non-disputable" area  
For one caught in sin, you who are spiritual, **restore in all gentleness**, each one  
looking to himself so that he also might not be tempted*

**Ephesians 5:11** ***Expose the unfruitful deeds of darkness***

**Matthew 7:5** ***You DO eventually help remove the spec from that other person's eye!***

# Romans 14:14-19

I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that **nothing is unclean in itself** but to him who “thinks” anything to be unclean - to him it is unclean [CONSCIENCE]

**Reminder:** Acts 10:15 Peter's vision of what is unclean [referring to Gentiles]

For if *because of food* your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love  
Do not *destroy with your food* him for whom Christ died

**Reminder:** λυπέω lupo = *deeply grieved* [Paul's saying, “Because of **FOOD**?, really?”]

Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing [**FOOD**] be spoken of as evil – for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking [**FOOD**] but righteousness, peace, joy in Holy Spirit

Obstacle πρόσκομμα [proskomma = *something a person unintentionally trips over*]

Stumbling Block σκάνδαλον [skandalon = *trap or snare intentionally set*]

# Romans 14:14-19

For who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men

So then we ***pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another***

**Reminder - 1<sup>st</sup> Corin. 10:23** *All things are Lawful, but NOT all things are expedient*

***NOT all things edify***

***[oikodomeo = build something up to completion]***

**PERSONAL EXAMPLE DAY** *While I believe strongly I make a GREAT case for Jesus born on the feast of Yom Teruah in 2 BC – and a GREAT case for Jesus crucified on Passover - neither of these is basis for judging “Christmas celebrations”*

**INDISPUTABLE** *Core doctrines of Christian faith vs. FALSE DOCTRINE*

**Denominations have moved MANY indisputables into disputable category**

# Romans 14:20-23

Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of **FOOD**

***All things indeed are clean*** - but [**FOOD**] is evil for the man who eats and gives offense

It's good not to: 1] eat meat 2] drink wine or *do anything* [**DAY**] which your brother stumbles

The faith which you have, have as ***your own conviction before God*** [CONSCIENCE]

Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

But he who doubts [CONSCIENCE] is ***condemned if he eats***

because *his eating is not* **from** faith [*but doubt*] - and whatever is ***not from faith is sin***

[ἐκ originates/sources from] CONSCIENCE again

*Next Monday  
November 15th*

# ROMANS

## CAPITVLVM XV

*pars vnum*

*Self-Denial on  
Behalf of Others*

# HOME STRETCH

*Monday - November 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Romans 15 part 1**

*Monday - November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**Romans 15 part 2**

*Monday - November 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Romans 16**

*Monday - December 6<sup>th</sup>*

**Summary with Dinner**

*Monday - December 13<sup>th</sup>*

**All Church FIO Christmas**

**“When Was Jesus Born?”**

