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Weak and Strong Believers

Romans 14:1-12

- 1) Two kinds of Christians: weak & strong
 - a) Weak Christians struggle with legalism and judgment
 - b) Strong Christians struggle with scorning the weak
- 2) All Christians are to unite in spite of our quirks
 - a) Weak Christians must be welcomed, not scorned (1)
 - b) No one is to scorn or judge the other for non-sinful actions (3-4)
 - c) A Christian is to be fully convinced of his/her beliefs (5)
 - d) Though we're all prone to pride and judgment, we must refrain
 - e) Christians belong to God; His is our Judge (7-8)
 - f) All Christians will stand before God's judgment, not man (10-12; cf. 2 Cor. 5:10)
- 3) Theology of the passage: *what can we learn about God?*
 - a) God receives all of His children in spite of their quirks (vv. 2-3)
 - b) God upholds His children, so judgment is futile (4)
 - c) God is sovereign over His children (5-8)
 - d) Christ's death & rez applies to our mundane daily living (9)
 - e) God will judge, even Christians (10-12)
 - f) Christ is God: v. 3 (God), v. 4 (the Lord), v. 6 (Lord and God), v. 8 (Lord), v. 9 (Christ as Lord)

