

“Considerations of Conscience”

Text: Romans 14

Scripture reading: I Corinthians 8

I. Introduction: A foundation for caring

A) What is NOT being addressed?

1. This is NOT a call for _____.
2. This is NOT a call to minimize _____ to _____.
3. This is NOT teaching that we are to not _____ of others.
4. This is NOT a text that identifies _____ distinctions but _____ differences.

B) What is being addressed?

1. _____ - vs 1 (*“accept the one who is weak”*)

2. _____ - vs. 19 (*“the building up of one another”*)

3. _____ - vs. 5 (*“be fully convinced in mind”*)

4. _____ - vs. 1 (*“do not pass judgment on opinions”*)

- Gal. 2; 4:10-11

- Col. 2:16-21

5. _____ - vs. 15 (*“walking according to love”*)

C) What are the matters of conscience?

1. Is the matter regulated by Scripture?

2. Is the matter harmful to the body of Christ?

3. Is the matter one of personal conviction?

“The voice of conscience, rightly informed by the Scripture, is the voice of God Himself. It is God speaking in a man and whispering to a man’s very heart.”

-Ezekiel Hopkins; Irish clergy, puritan (1634-1690)

SERMON QUOTE:

B) What is being addressed?

James M. Boice,

“I can think of several behavioral issues that years ago caused Christians to look down on other Christians and judge them and their conduct unfavorably: drinking, smoking, dancing, and going to movies. I did not spend much time in excessively narrow or legalistic church circles while I was growing up, but if I had, the list might have been expanded to include such things as the length of a boy’s hair or the length of a girl’s skirt.”