

**Romans 14:1-12**  
**For the week of March 10, 2024**

**Reflection**

1. What were some of the takeaways, for you, from Sunday's sermon?
2. Were there questions, comments, concerns...?

**What emerges as a controlling factor in the way the Apostle Paul addresses this issue is believers' accountability to the Lord. All must do what they do 'for the Lord' (14:6, 8), seeking to please God (14:18) and remembering that all must stand before God's judgment seat and give an account of themselves to God (14:10–12). In the light of this fact Paul calls upon all members of his audience to accept one another. <sup>1</sup>**

**Observation** (vs. 1-4)

3. What is Paul saying to the Roman church?

**Interpretation**

4. Why does Paul use the argument of diet? (see also I Cor 8:7-13)
5. What is meant by Paul's question in verse 4, "Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another"?<sup>2</sup> (see also James 4:12)

**Application**

6. Are there times that you "quarrel over opinions" (either verbally or in thought) with fellow believers? Why or why not?

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<sup>1</sup> Colin G. Kruse, [Paul's Letter to the Romans](#), ed. D. A. Carson, The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Cambridge, U.K.; Nottingham, England; Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Apollos, 2012), 510.

<sup>2</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 14:4.

**Observation** (vs. 5-6)

7. What are the points Paul is making in these verses to the Roman church?

**Interpretation**

8. What does Paul's statement mean in verse five, "Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind?"<sup>3</sup>

9. How are both observances expressions of devotion to the Lord?

**Application**

10. Do the actions of other believers impact how you honor God and are thankful to him? Why or why not?

**Observation** (vs. 7-8)

11. What is Paul saying?

**Interpretation**

12. What is meant by "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself?"<sup>4</sup> (see also 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor 5:15; Gal 2:20; 1 Thes 5:10; 1 Peter 4:2)

**Application**

13. How does your life reflect that it is Christ who lives in you?

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<sup>3</sup> [\*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version\*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 14:5.

<sup>4</sup> [\*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version\*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 14:7.

**Observation** (vs. 9-12)

14. Summarize these verses.

**Interpretation**

15. What does it mean to “pass judgment on your brother?”<sup>5</sup>

16. Compare these verses to Phil 2:9-11

**Application**

17. How does verse 12 impact your thoughts, attitudes, and behavior now?

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<sup>5</sup> [\*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version\*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 14:10.