



WHEN CONVICTIONS COLLIDE

GOSPEL LIFE: ROMANS SERIES: EPISODE 17 OF 19

Romans 14

MAIN IDEA: THE GOSPEL CALLS US TO PURSUE UNITY IN CHRIST WITHOUT DEMANDING UNIFORMITY IN EVERY CONVICTION.

I. ACCEPT BELIEVERS GOD HAS ACCEPTED 14:1-4

DON'T REJECT THOSE WHOM GOD HAS RECEIVED.

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. 14:1

The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 14:3

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. 14:4

II. LIVE FOR THE AUDIENCE OF ONE 14:5-12

YOU ANSWER TO CHRIST BEFORE YOU ANSWER TO ANYONE ELSE.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 14:5

Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 14:6

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 14:8

For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 14:10

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. 14:12

III. LOVE IS GREATER THAN LIBERTY 14:13-18

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. 14:13

If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. 14:15

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 14:17

IV. PURSUE PEACE AND MUTUAL EDIFICATION 14:19-23

BUILDING PEOPLE UP IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING ARGUMENTS.

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. 14:19

Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. 14:20

Everything that does not come from faith is sin. 14:23

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