

## Romans 14:13-23

The main point of these verses is essentially right in the center of the text:  
Verse 19: "So then, let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."

**Main Point:** As brothers and sisters in the family of God we must pursue edifying peace with one another.

**The context and background:** One People, made up of two very different backgrounds (vv. 1-12)

**Logic and Structure of the Text:**

**Verse 13** - You need to care about whether or not your brother stumbles

**Verses 14-16**, You need to ask yourself, "is the use of my freedom helping or hindering my brother's faith? Is the use of my freedom helping or hindering my faith?"

**Verses 17-18**, The most important thing.

**Verses 19-20a**, The crux of the matter: Peace that edifies

**Verses 20b-23**, The footnotes

**Four things that Christians will do to pursue edifying peace**

**1. Obey your own conscience**

**2. Honor your brother's conscience**

**3. Ask the Lord to shape your conscience as you study God's word**

**4. Focus on serving Jesus**