



**Family Disputes
September 15, 2019**

Romans 14:1-9

How to Love When We Disagree

- 1. Accept Them**
1 Peter 4:8
Ephesians 4:2-3
- 2. Recognize Disputable Matters**
Romans 14:1-2
Romans 13:12-14
Romans 1:29-31
- 3. Recognize That Faith Grows**
Romans 14:2-3
1 Corinthians 8:4; 7-8
- 4. Recognize You Are For the Lord**
Romans 14:7-8

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Heidelberg Catechism: Question #1

Home/Group Study

“If we maintain the open-mindedness of children, we challenge fixed ideas and established structures, including our own. We listen to people in other... denominations. We don't find demons in those with whom we disagree. We don't cozy up to people who mouth our jargon. If we are open, we rarely resort to either-or: either... liberty or law, sacred or secular, Beethoven or Madonna. We focus on both-and, fully aware that God's truth cannot be imprisoned in a small definition.”

Brennan Manning

- 1. Do you find an “either-or” kind of thinking more comforting or frightening? Why?**
- 2. How can you enthusiastically receive and be personally interested in someone with whom you disagree?**
- 3. How do you know the difference between things which can not be tolerated and those which must be tolerated?**
- 4. What makes someone’s faith weak? Strong? Grow?**
- 5. How can you live today as though you actually belong to the Lord?**