

United Without Uniformity

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Wednesday Service

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POINT 1: NOT EVERY DISAGREEMENT IS A GOSPEL ISSUE

[Romans 14:1 \(NLT\)](#)

Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong.

[Romans 14:1 \(NIV84\)](#)

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

[Romans 14:1 \(TPT\)](#)

Offer an open hand of fellowship to welcome every true believer, even though their faith may be weak and immature. And refuse to engage in debates with them concerning nothing more than opinions.

POINT 2: STOP JUDGING PEOPLE GOD HAS ACCEPTED

[Romans 14:3–4 \(NLT\)](#)

3 Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval.

POINT 3: MAKE JESUS THE CENTER, NOT YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES

[Romans 14:5–8 \(NLT\)](#)

5 In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. 6 Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God. 7 For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. 8 If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

POINT 4: DON'T LET YOUR FREEDOM DAMAGE SOMEONE ELSE

[Romans 14:13–15 \(NLT\)](#)

13 So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.

14 I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong. 15 And if another believer is distressed by what you eat, you are not acting in love if you eat it. Don't let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died.

POINT 5: PROTECT THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

[Romans 14:19 \(NLT\)](#)

So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

[Matthew 5:9 \(NKJV\)](#) Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.