



## The Textual Outline of Romans 14:1—15:7

**A** <sup>1</sup>**Receive** one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. <sup>2</sup>For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

**B** <sup>4</sup>Who are you to **judge** another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

**A'** <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. **Therefore**, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**B'** <sup>10</sup>But why do you **judge** your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. <sup>11</sup>For it is written: "*As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.*" <sup>12</sup>So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

**A'** <sup>13</sup>**Therefore** let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. <sup>14</sup>I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. <sup>15</sup>Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love.

**B** Do not **destroy** with your food the one for whom Christ died.

**A'** <sup>16</sup>**Therefore** do not let your good be spoken of as evil; <sup>17</sup>for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. <sup>19</sup>Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

**B'** <sup>20</sup>Do not **destroy** the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. <sup>21</sup>It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. <sup>22</sup>Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not **condemn** himself in what he approves. <sup>23</sup>But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

**A'** <sup>15:1</sup>We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. <sup>3</sup>For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "*The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.*"<sup>4</sup>For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

**B'** <sup>5</sup>Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A'** <sup>7</sup>Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.