

**Outline of Romans 14**  
**Sunday Night Bible Study**  
**Tallowood Baptist Church**  
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**Loving Each Other in Disputable Matters**

**I. We Should Not Judge the Person Who is Weak in Faith 14:1-12**

- A. The Principle: accept the person without passing judgment on disputable matters vv. 1; 4
  - 1. Christians are God's servants
  - 2. Christians answer to the Lord as their master
- B. The Examples: vv. 2-4
  - 1. Eating meat
    - a. One person's faith allows him to eat everything
    - b. Another person eats only vegetables
  - 2. Holy days
    - a. One man considers certain days more sacred
    - b. Another man views all days alike
- C. The Solution: We do what we do as unto the Lord vv. 5-8
  - 1. Whether we regard a day as special
  - 2. Whether we eat or drink we give thanks to the Lord
  - 3. Whether we live or die
- D. The Judgment vv. 9-12
  - 1. Christ died and rose again to be the Lord of both the dead and living v. 9
  - 2. We cannot judge our brothers and sisters v. 10
  - 3. We give an account of ourselves to God vv. 11-12

**II. We Should Not Put Stumbling Blocks in Front of Others 14:13-23**

- A. The conscience declares whether something is unclean for us vv. 13-14
  - 1. In the Lord, Paul knows that food is not unclean in itself
  - 2. If one regards something as unclean, for him it is unclean
- B. We must act in love toward our brothers vv. 15-16
  - 1. We should not do things which our brothers think are wrong in their presence
  - 2. We should not destroy our brothers for whom Christ died
  - 3. We should not allow what we consider good to be spoken of as evil
- C. We can discern the Kingdom of God vv. 17-18
  - 1. It is not about eating and drinking
  - 2. It is a matter of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit
    - a. In this way we please God
    - b. In this way we are approved by people
- D. We make every effort to live in peace with others vv. 19-21
  - 1. We seek mutual edification
  - 2. We don't destroy the work of God for the sake of food
    - a. All food is clean
    - b. It is wrong to eat anything that causes another to stumble

3. We avoid foods which will cause our brothers to fall
- E. We keep what we believe about disputable matters between us and God vv. 22-23
  1. We must not condemn ourselves by approving what we know is wrong
  2. We are condemned if we eat what we doubt to be good
    - a. Such a person does not eat from faith
    - b. Whatever is not done in faith is sin

### **III. We Experience the Blessings of God as We Please Each Other 15:1-6**

- A. The Blessing of Unity vv. 1-6
  1. We bear with the failings of the weak v. 1
  2. We please our neighbors v. 2
    - a. For their good
    - b. To build them up
  3. Even Christ did not please himself v. 3
  4. We receive the benediction vv. 4-6
    - a. Power -- The God who gives endurance and encouragement
    - b. Promise -- May he give you unity
    - c. Prerequisite -- As you follow Christ
    - d. Purpose -- So that with one heart and voice you may glorify God