

Romans 14: The Law of Liberty



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▶ The Weak and Strong in Faith:

Romans 14:1-2

- ▶ Receive = Full fellowship.
- ▶ Faith = Conviction or opinion (NASB '95).
- ▶ Example of opinion: What to or what not to eat (**v.2**).
- ▶ Strong - Rightly believed they could eat all things (**Rom. 14:14 cf. 1 Cor. 8:1-4**).

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- ▶ Weak - Did not have the same knowledge or conviction.
- ▶ Two examples: Jewish convert and Gentile convert (**1 Cor. 8:4-7**).

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▶ God Receives Him:

Romans 14:3-6

- ▶ Received - same as in **v.1**.
- ▶ Not to pass judgement on opinions (**Cf. Jas. 4:11-12**).
- ▶ Be fully convicted in your opinions (**v.5**).
- ▶ To eat or not, both are doing so for God's glory (**v.6**).

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▶ We Are the Lords:

Romans 14:7-8

- ▶ Danger in accepting in order to “convert” to our side.
- ▶ Reminder, we are not our own (**vv.7-8**).
- ▶ Irony, matters of opinion are governed by God’s clearly stated law.

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▶ Let Us Not Cause Each Other to Stumble:

Romans 14:9-13

- ▶ Christ died to redeem us all (**v.9**).
- ▶ Why do you judge? God will judge (**v.10-12**).
- ▶ Instead of passing judgement, let us resolved to help (**v.13 cf. 1 Cor. 8:1-9**).

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- ▶ How do we deal with matters of opinion?
 1. Remember, we all live to God (**vv.7-8**).
 2. Matters of opinion are not grounds for judging (**v.13a**).
 3. I need to respect my brother's conscience (**v.13b**).