

THE STRONG BELIEVER AND THE WEAK BELIEVER *Romans 14:1-23*

1. RECEIVE THE WEAK BROTHER (V. 1-2)

- a.) Without arguing, without criticizing (v. 1) (Romans 15:1; 1 Corinthians 9:22)
- b.) Simply because there is a difference (v. 2) (John 14:21; John 15:10; John 15:14; 1 Samuel 15:22)
 - 1.) Keep in mind your duty as a Christian (Romans 6:1-2, 6:14-15)
 - 2.) Commands and prohibitions in the Bible (Romans 14:13-15; Romans 15:1-3)

2. DO NOT DESPISE AND JUDGE OTHERS (V. 3-4)

- a.) God has received the strong (v. 3)
- b.) No one has the right to judge the Lord's servant (v. 4)
- c.) Because God shall hold him up (v. 4) (Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 Peter 1:5; Genesis 28:15; Psalm 37:28; Proverbs 2:8)

3. BE FULLY PERSUADED OF RIGHT AND WRONG BEHAVIOR (V. 5-6) (Galatians 4:9-10; Colossians 2:16-17)

- a.) "In his own mind"

4. WATCH OUT - WATCH WHAT YOU DO (V. 7-9)

- a.) You belong to Christ - in life and death (Luke 20:38; Romans 14:8)
- b.) You have been purchased by the Lord's death (Romans 6:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 2:20)

To be continued...

"We are bound to one another and to Christ by ties that neither time nor eternity can break. We can neither live nor die for ourselves alone."