

Romans 14:1-23

14 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the

one lacking
spiritual understanding
don't ostracize

purpose of passing judgment on his opinions. ² One person

has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats

We may differ on
right and left
non-Revealed issues

vegetables only. ³ The one who eats is not to regard with

contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does

not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God

has accepted him. ⁴ Who are you to judge the servant of

another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will

stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person regards one day above another, another

regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced

in his own mind. ⁶ He who observes the day, observes it for

the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives

thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not

eat, and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For not one of us lives for

himself, and not one dies for himself; ⁸ for if we live, we live

for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord;

therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to

this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord

both of the dead and of the living.

is a phenomenal idea.

Christ's redemption was to restore man
back to his intended purpose

the Gentile or Roman
Christian with no
stipulations on diet

why? God has accepted
him in his sincere
devotion

God can direct and enlighten
His servants

In neutral things
come to your own decisions

The Apostolic Westminster
Confession

All we do we do for Christ.
"to live in Christ
to die is gain"

You are not the one they
serve... It is God...
let HIM be the Judge

from foods to 'holy days'
Aren't a few - Gentile
conflict..

Both are acceptable
if both are sincere
in conscience..

- We live for Christ in
all things -
(vs 6-9)

Not only do we all
live for Christ
but we will all
be judged by Christ
(not by each other)

¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again,
why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will
all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

"AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,

AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."

¹² So then each one of us will give an account of himself to

God.

¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but

rather determine this—(not to put an obstacle or a stumbling
block in a brother's way). ¹⁴ I know and am convinced in the

Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who
thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ¹⁵ For if

because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer

walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food

him for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let what is for

you a good thing be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷ for the kingdom of Christianity ... the church

God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace

and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For he who in this way serves

Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then

we pursue the things which make for peace and the building

up of one another. ²⁰ Do not tear down the work of God for the work of God is the church ...

the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil

for the man who eats and gives offense. ²¹ It is good not to

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him to go against
his conscience ...
and "destroy" him.

more "rules"

then joy

God is pleased
man are happy

love

then peace in the body

eat meat or to drink wine, or *to do anything* by which your

The prevailing thought is what is best for my Christian brother... — {brother stumbles. ²² The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not

condemn himself in what he approves. ²³ But he who doubts

is condemned if he eats, because *his eating* is not from faith;

and whatever is not from faith is sin.

If you doubt and know it's wrong.

Life Group Questions

1. How do you understand right and left questions as differing from right and wrong?
2. What were your thoughts about the list of "right and left questions" or questions about personal convictions.