

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Accept One Another

Romans 14:1-15:13

Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but not for the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions. ²One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*. ³Let not the one who eats regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and let not the one who does not eat judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.

⁴Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One man regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Let each person be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶He 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.

⁷For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; ⁸for 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For it is written,

"AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,
AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."

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

(Romans 14:1-12)

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Accept One Another without Judging

Judging and Judgment

1. The Issue of Judging Others

- there is a proper and necessary kind of judgment in the church concerning sin and false doctrine
- we must avoid an arrogant, judgmental attitude, even when exercising proper judgment
- we are not to judge fellow-believers in matters not prohibited or prescribed by Scripture

¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*? ¹³ But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

(1 Corinthians 5:11-13)

“Do not judge lest you be judged. ² For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

(Matthew 7:1-5)

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2. The Reality of God’s Judgment

- we must not usurp the place of God – it is God, not us, to whom each believer is answerable
- we must not judge or despise one another because each of us will give an account to God

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➤ The Nature of the Final Judgment:

1. It is universal – every person, believer or unbeliever, will stand as an individual before God
2. It is according to works – our works will reveal our persons (Rom. 2:6-10; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12)
3. It is not, for believers, any condemnation for sin but an evaluation and reward for one’s deeds

¹³ each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. ¹⁴ If any man’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

(1 Corinthians 3:13-15)

⁴ For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. ⁵ Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men’s* hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.

(1 Corinthians 4:3-5)

⁹Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

(2 Corinthians 5:9-10)