

Romans Refresh

Renewing Gospel-Centrality

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Romans 14:1-15:13

- A division among the “strong” and “weak” over diet and observing sacred days
 - accept one another without judging
 - accept one another without hindering
 - accept one another because Christ has accepted you!

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Principle of Application

- Behaviors that are permitted or not prohibited in Scripture, but not all have the “faith” to practice
 - these behaviors are matters of conscience
 - the categories of “strong” and “weak” apply

Why might someone have a weak conscience?

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Principle of Application

- Examples
 - *we will not all agree that these are permissible*
 - *these are not always matters of conscience*

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| Drinking alcohol | Wearing shorts/jeans |
| Using tobacco | Wearing makeup |
| Working on Sundays | Going into debt |
| Getting tattoos/piercings | Getting vaccinated |
| Using instruments and new styles of music in church | Using antibiotics |
| Going to movies | Using birth control |
| Listening to secular music | Eating non-organic |
| Celebrating Halloween | Sending kids to public school |

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Current Application

1. Politics and Voting
 - we must agree on clear, biblical-moral issues (*e.g. sanctity of life; definition of marriage; human sexuality and gender; justice*)
 - we must allow for differences with each other on policy solutions and political candidates

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Current Application

2. Response to COVID-19

- difference of conscience in following the government's restriction on churches (*capacity, social distancing, singing*)
- do not judge or despise one another – allow for freedom of conscience

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Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

(Romans 15:7)

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