

WHEN CHRISTIANS DISAGREE

How to Be Liberated - Part 4 of 4

WHAT ABOUT NEUTRAL AREAS OF THE BIBLE?

1. Learn to _____.

Romans 14:1-2 "Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man's faith is weak and he eats only vegetables."

How do you know if you accept others?

- You don't _____.
- You don't _____.

Romans 14:3a "The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not."

- You don't _____.

Romans 14:3b "The man who does not eat should not condemn the man who does."

Why must I accept those I disagree with?

- God has _____.

Romans 15:7 "Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you."

- They are not for me _____.

Romans 14:4 "Who are you to judge somebody else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls."

- I am only accountable _____.

Romans 14:10 "You then, why do you judge your brother? Why do you look down on your brother for we'll all stand before the judgment seat and everyone of us will give an account of himself to God."

2. Learn to _____.

Romans 14:13-14 "Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean of itself but if anyone regards it as unclean for him it is unclean."

There are three ways we can hurt people if we don't accommodate them.

- We can cause them _____.
- We can cause them _____.

Romans 14:15a "If your brother is distressed about what you eat, you are no longer acting in love."

- **We can cause them** _____.

Romans 14:15b "Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died."

Specific ways for accommodating other believers

- **Don't focus on externals, but on** _____.

Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but it's righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

- **Help each other** _____.

Romans 14:19 "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification."

- **Limit your liberty out of your** _____.

Romans 14:20-21 "Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean. But it's wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or to drink wine or do anything else that will cause your brother to fall."

3. Learn to _____.

Romans 14:22a "Whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."

Romans 14:5 "One man considers one day more sacred than another. And another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind"

Romans 14:6 "He who regards one day as special does it to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord. He gives thanks to God. He who abstains, does to the Lord and he gives thanks to God."

Romans 14:22b "Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves."

Romans 14:23 "But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats because his eating is not from faith and everything that does not come from faith is sin."

Romans 15:1 "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves."

Romans 15:5-6 "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Jesus Christ so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."