

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when your convictions about a certain topic changed as a believer. What changed your view about it?

2. What are some of the topics that create the most conflict between believers today?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about judging others:
 - a) I Samuel 16:7
 - b) Proverbs 31:9
 - c) Zechariah 8:16
 - d) Matthew 7:1-5
 - e) John 7:24
 - f) Romans 2:1-3
 - g) James 4:11-12

4. What are the “essentials” of the Christian faith? (See Acts 4:12 and Ephesians 2:8-9)

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to examine my life to see if I have a judgmental or critical attitude toward others.
 - I am going to ask forgiveness of someone I have unfairly judged or criticized.
 - I am going to memorize John 7:24.

Cornerstone Church
Romans 14:1-12

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Study Series #031

Understanding Christian Liberties ***Part 1: Principles of Christian Liberty:*** ***Don’t Judge One Another***

I. Introduction

A. The Castaway

B. Divisions Among Believers

(See Genesis 4:1-8; Genesis 27:41-42; Genesis 37:11; Acts 6:1-6; I Corinthians 1:10-13; I Corinthians 6:1-8; Galatians 5:15; Philippians 4:1-3; John 13:35; I Corinthians 6:6;)

C. The Hot Topics in Paul’s Day

- Dietary Laws
- Special Days

II. Christian Liberty: Don’t Judge One Another

A. Don’t Judge the Weak in Faith

(See Romans 14:1-2; Luke 6:40; Acts 18:24-28; Acts 28:2; Romans 15:7; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9)

“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”
St. Augustine

B. Don't Condemn the Liberty of Others

(See Romans 14:2; Mark 7:19; Acts 10:9-16; Romans 14:3; I Timothy 5:23; Ephesians 5:18; I Corinthians 8:9; Romans 14:4; Matthew 7:1-5; I Corinthians 5:9-13)

C. Keep Your Personal Convictions Personal

(See Romans 14:5; Exodus 20:8; Deuteronomy 5:12; Romans 14:23; Romans 14:6-8; I Corinthians 10:31; John 21:18-19; Psalm 116:15)

D. Acknowledge God as the Ultimate Judge

(See Romans 14:10-11; Revelation 20:11-15; II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:12)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

Passage of Study Romans 14:1-12

¹ Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but* not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions. ² One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats 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. 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.

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