

The Book of Romans

This Week: Lesson: Romans Chapter 14

Next Week: **Homework Scripture Read:** Romans Chapter 15-16

Lesson Text:

Romans 14:1	Denominational exclusivity? Social malice?
Romans 14:2-6	Distinctions in personal faith
Romans 14:7-12	All held accountable to the same Lord
Romans 14:13	Not to be judgmental – punishing differences or trying to force conformity
Romans 14:14-23	Concluding discussion
Romans 14:22-23	The dangers in ‘conformal liberation’ of the weak in the faith

Discussion:

- **Note and Discuss** the distinct article “the” in verse 1 before the word “faith”, which is left out of most translations, but identifies saving faith vs. general degrees of faith.
- **Note** that the discussion of meats is in an ‘understood’ context of both to meats which were ‘unclean’ under the Laws of Moses, and probably also in regards to meat sold in the markets after being sacrificed to idols.
- **Discuss** denominational considerations between Christians
- **Discuss** distinctions in Christian liberties in comparison with individual liberties at school or at work.

Open Question:

How should relate with other churches of our own denomination or of other Christian denominations (Methodist, Pentecostal), or of heretical denominations (Catholic, Islam)?

How does this passage relate to Christian who drink or smoke, or who work on Sundays?