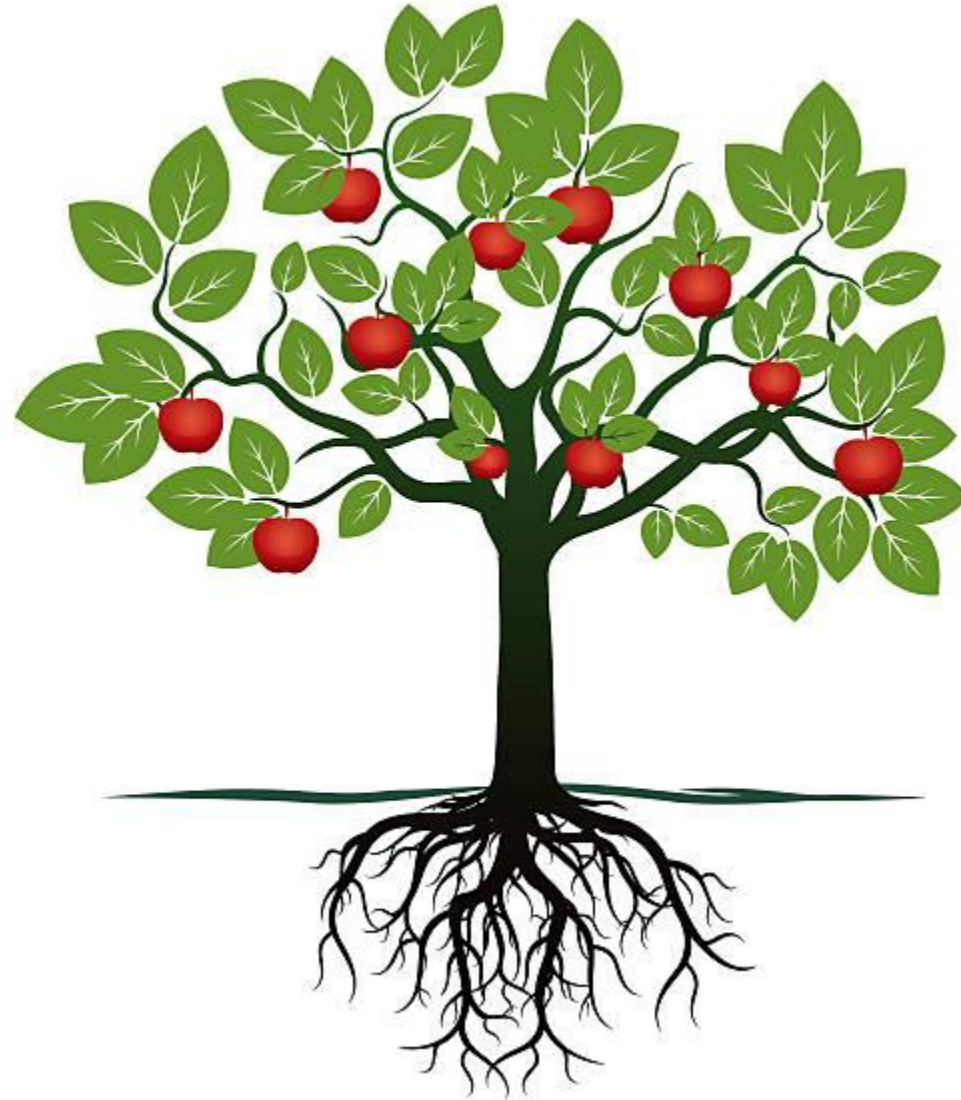


**Receive one who is weak in the  
faith...**

(Romans 14:1)

# A tree is known by its fruit.

(Matthew 12:33)



**Romans 12 onwards**

**Romans 1 to 11**

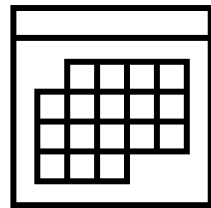
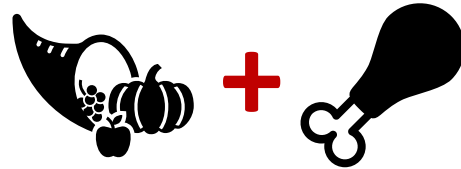
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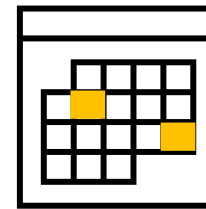
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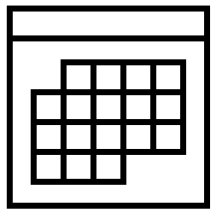
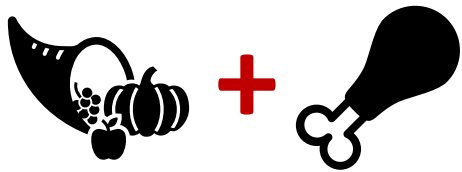
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*Does this sound familiar?*

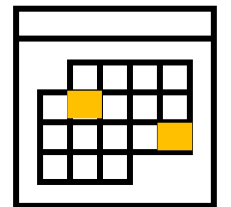
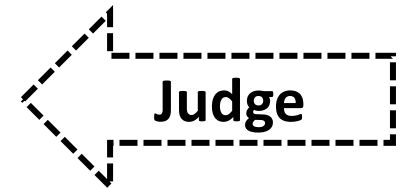
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## SEVEN QUESTIONS...

1. **What is going on in Rome?**
2. **What does “weak in the faith” mean here?**
3. **What does Paul want the Romans to do?**
4. **Why must the weak in the faith be received?**
5. **Who is right?**
6. **What foundation is Paul building on?**
7. **What is at stake?**

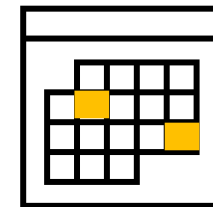
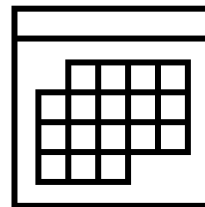
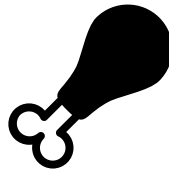
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# 1. What is going on in Rome?

- Is it because of meat offered to idols?
- Is it the Jews and the Sabbath and food rules?
- Is it because of Gentile ascetics?
- Is it the Jewish legalists?

**We don't know...**



## 2. What does “weak in the faith” mean here?

- NOT believers in name only
- NOT uncertain if Jesus is Messiah
- NOT uncommitted to the Lord
- NOT without self control

These brethren are (*at present*) without enough revelation and faith to see beyond these earthly things.

### 3. What does Paul want the Romans to do?

## Receive him!

- Philemon 1:12, 17
- Romans 14:3
- Romans 15:7



NKJV: ...not to disputes over doubtful things.

ESV: **...not to quarrel over opinions.**

NIV: ...without quarreling over disputable matters.

CSB: ...don't argue about disputed matters.

NASB: **...not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.**

## 4. Why must the weak in the faith be received?

- God has received them (Romans 14:3)
- They stand before their own master (Romans 14:4)
- They do those things unto the Lord (Romans 14:6)

### ➤ And why must we not judge OR despise others in these things?

- We must all give an account of ourselves to God (Romans 14:12)



## 5. Who is right?

*If anyone preaches any other gospel to you ...  
let him be accursed.*

(Galatians 1:9)

**Who is right?**

I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus  
that there is nothing unclean of itself...

(Romans 14:14)

- Colossians 2:16-17
- 1 Corinthians 8:1



**Let love be  
without hypocrisy.**

(Romans 12:9)

## 6. What foundation is Paul building on?

- The majesty and glory of Christ
- The sufficiency of justification through the cross
- The uniqueness of the *ekklesia*

## 7. What is at stake?

The **testimony** of Jesus Christ



**Unity with diversity - only in Christ**

A close-up photograph showing a person's hand being held and supported by another person's hand. The background is blurred, showing a white surface with blue patterns. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

**Receive one who is weak in the faith...**

(Romans 14:1)