



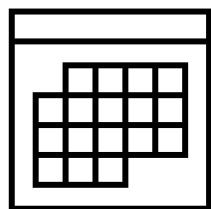
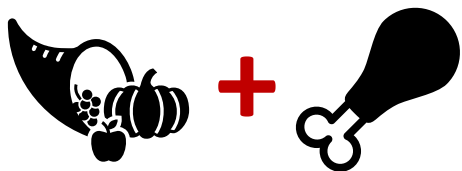
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ought ... not to please ourselves

(Romans 15:1)

# ROMANS 14:1-12

# THE SITUATION IN ROME

**The Strong**  
(in the faith)



**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

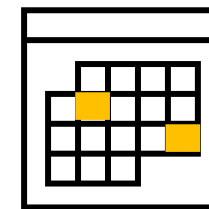
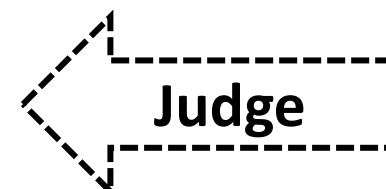
(Romans 14:6)

**Why must we not judge OR despise others?**

We must all give an account of ourselves to God

(Romans 14:12)

**The Weak**  
(in the faith)



## What foundation is Paul building on?

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



For the **testimony** of **Jesus Christ**

## ROMANS 14:13 to 15:3

Let us not judge one  
another anymore  
(Romans 14:13a)

### **Moving from Attitude to Action**

[Don't] put a stumbling  
block ... in a brother's way.  
(Romans 14:13b)

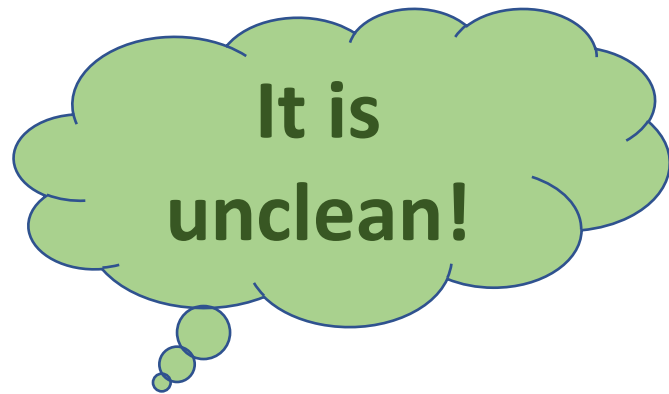


## Verse 14

**Paul said, “I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus...”**

*“Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man;  
but what comes out of the mouth,  
this defiles a man.”*

(Matthew 15:11)



**The Weak**

## Verse 15

Do not destroy with your food the one for whom **Christ died**.



You are no longer **walking in love**.

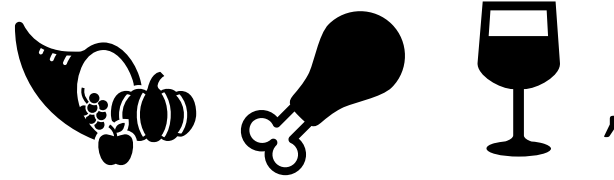
## Verse 16

**The strong:** “I’m doing **good!**”

**Everyone else:** “You are doing **EVIL** 😞 !”

## Verse 17

The **Kingdom of God** is not  
but:



- **Righteousness**
- **Peace**
- **Joy in the Holy Spirit.**

## Verse 18

He who **serves Christ** in these things is:

- Accepted by God
- Approved by men

## Verse 19

### THEREFORE

let us pursue the things which make for **peace**  
and the things by which one may **edify** another.

## Verse 20

Do not **destroy** the work of God for the sake of food.

It is evil to “*eat with offense*”

- The **strong** must not eat if they know it causes offense, **or**
- The **weak** must not eat if they believe it is wrong.



## Verse 21

It is **good**  
neither to eat meat  
nor drink wine  
nor do **anything**  
by which **your brother** stumbles...



**1 Corinthians 8:12-13**

## Verse 22

Do you have **faith**?

**Blessed** is he who does not **condemn himself** in what he approves.

## Verse 23

But he who **doubts** is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from **faith**; for whatever is not from **faith** is **sin**.

## Chapter 15 - Verse 1

We then who are strong  
ought to bear with the infirmities of the weak,  
and not to please ourselves.

## Chapter 15 - Verse 2

Let each of us please his neighbour for his good,  
leading to **edification**.



## Chapter 15 - Verse 3

**Christ Jesus:**  
*“The reproaches of those who reproach  
You  
have fallen on me.”*

(Psalm 69:9)

**Looking back at  
four statements...**





1. **Walking in love**

(Romans 14:15)

2. **Whatever is not from faith is sin**

(Romans 14:23)

3. **The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking**

(Romans 14:17)

4. **The reproaches of those who reproach You...**

(Romans 15:3)

# Walking in love

(Romans 14:15)



*This is My commandment,  
that you **love one another**  
as I have loved you.*

(John 15:12)

By this we know love, because **He laid down His life for us.**  
And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

(1 John 3:16)

# Whatever is not from faith is sin

(Romans 14:23)



## The Lord Jesus:

*I do as the Father has commanded me,  
so that the world may know that I love the Father.*

(John 14:31)

## Paul:

I myself always strive to have a conscience  
**without offense toward God** and men.

(Acts 24:16)



# The Kingdom of God is **not** eating and drinking

(Romans 14:17)



- **Righteousness [in the Holy Spirit]**

Therefore, having been **justified by faith**,

- **Peace [in the Holy Spirit]**

we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

- **Joy in the Holy Spirit**

and **rejoice** in hope of the glory of God

# The reproaches of those who reproach You...

(Romans 14:17)



*Because **zeal for Your house** has consumed me,  
And the reproaches of those who reproach You  
have fallen on me.*

(Psalm 69:9)



We then who are strong  
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(Romans 15:1)