

Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome


LETTER OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

18. Freedom, knowledge and love

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We are up to here 

 Very practical and clear

Be transformed!

I appeal to you therefore, brethren,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice**,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.

(Romans 12:1)



Be transformed!

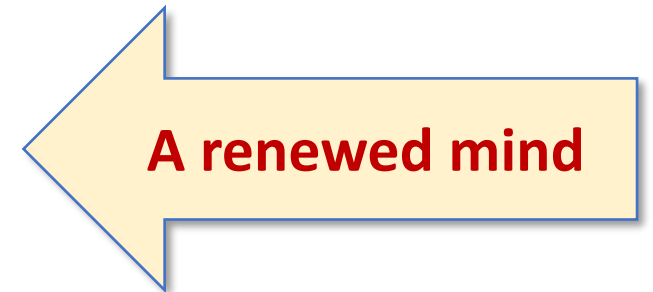
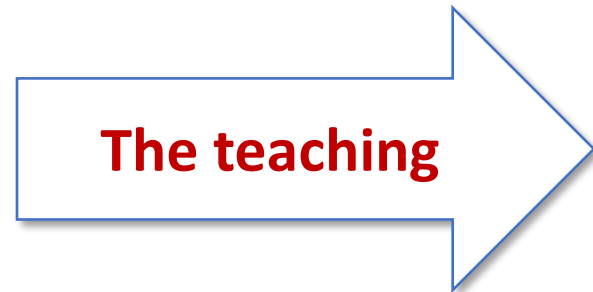
And do not be **conformed** to this world,
but be **transformed**
by the **renewal of your mind**,
that you may prove
what is the good and acceptable
and **perfect will of God**.

(Romans 12:2)



A tree is known by its fruit.
(Matthew 12:33)

Be transformed!



**The night is far gone,
the day is at hand.**

(Romans 13:12)

- **Put OFF the works of darkness**
- **Put ON the Lord Jesus Christ**

“I get it” questions...

- What are Paul’s reasons for giving these directions?
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Romans 14

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One who does
not yet
understand much

proslambanō =
take to oneself

As for the one who is **weak in the faith**,
welcome him,
but not to quarrel over opinions.

(Romans 14:1)

See Romans 14:3
and Romans 15:7

Mere opinions or
different opinions

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One person believes he may eat anything,
while the weak person eats only vegetables.

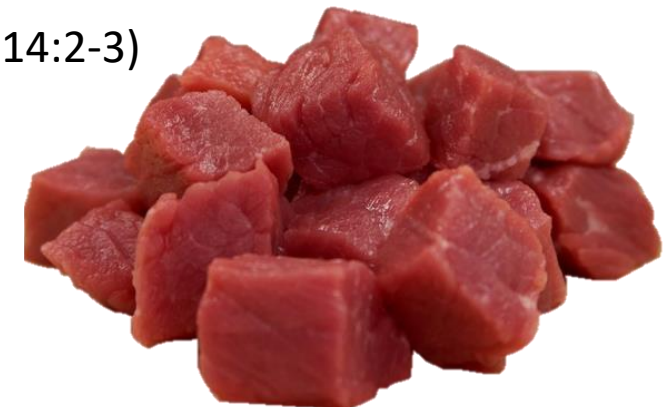
Let not

- the one who eats **despise** the one who does not eat,
- the one who does not eat **judge** the one who does eat,


for God has welcomed him.

(See Romans 14:2-3)

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Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another?

It is before his own master that he stands or falls.

And **he will be upheld**,
for the Lord is able to make him stand.

(Romans 14:4)

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One person esteems one day as better than another,
while another esteems all days alike.

Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.


The one who observes the day,
observes it **in honour of the Lord**.

The one who eats,
eats **in honour of the Lord**,
since he gives thanks to God,

The one who abstains,
abstains **in honour of the Lord**
and gives thanks to God.

(See Romans 14:5-6)

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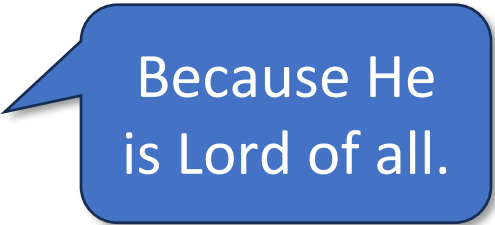


For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.

For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.

**So then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's.**

(Romans 14:7-8)



Because He
is Lord of all.

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The weaker one

**Why do you pass judgment on your brother?
Or you, why do you despise your brother?**

The stronger one


For we will **ALL** stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written,

*“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”*

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

(Romans 14:10-12)

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Therefore

let us not


pass judgment on one another any longer,

but rather

decide **never** to put a stumbling block
or hindrance in the way of a brother.


(Romans 14:13)

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I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus
that nothing is unclean in itself,
but **it is unclean** for anyone
who thinks it unclean.
(Romans 14:14)

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For if your brother is grieved by what you eat,
you are no longer **walking in love**.

By what you eat, do not destroy
the one **for whom Christ died**.

The Christian's
rule for life

(Romans 14:15)

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The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking
but of

- ✓ **righteousness** and
- ✓ **peace** and
- ✓ **joy in the Holy Spirit.**

(Romans 14:17)

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**So then let us pursue what makes for peace
and for mutual building up.**

It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do **anything**
that causes your brother to stumble.

(Romans 14:19,21)

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The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God.

Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.

But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith.

Keep a clear conscience!

For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

(Romans 14:22-23)

“I get it” questions...

- **What are Paul’s reasons for giving these directions?**
 - God has received each one of us and therefore...
 - The heart matters more than the thing
 - We shall all give an account to God
- **What sort of person can live this way?**
 - A person who knows God’s forgiveness and therefore...
 - A person who walks in humility and love
- **What can you expect to find in any healthy local church?**
 - New believers and more experienced ones, and therefore...



**Memory
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Romans 14:4

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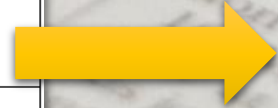
Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another?
It is before his own master that he stands or falls.
And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able
to make him stand.

NKJV:

Who are you to judge another's servant?
To his own master he stands or falls.
Indeed, he will be made to stand,
for God is able to make him stand.

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