

ROMANS 14

WHO IS THE WEAK? ROMANS 14:1

“Now **accept** the one who is **weak in faith**, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his **opinions.**” (14:1)

- (1) “Accept” = **ONGOING FELLOWSHIP.**
- (2) “In faith” = His practice is “in the faith”.
- (3) “Opinions” = Authorized liberties, permissible convictions.

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Meats

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FELLOWSHIP REQUIRED.

What ever is being addressed **here** is acceptable, worthy of fellowship, is “in the faith”, is a permissible & authorized opinion.

WHO IS THE WEAK? ROMANS 14:2-3

2 One man has faith to eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

3 **Don't** let him who eats **despise** him who doesn't eat. **Don't** let him who doesn't eat **judge** him who eats, **for God has accepted him.** (14:2-3)

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As A Sinner

“JUDGE” = SIN.
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WHO IS THE WEAK? ROMANS 14:4-5

4 **Who are you who judge another's servant?** To his own lord he stands or falls. Yes, he will be made to stand, for God has power to make him stand.

5 One man esteems one day as more important. Another esteems every day alike. **Let each man be fully assured in his own mind.**

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6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks. He who doesn't eat, to the Lord he doesn't eat, and gives God thanks.

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

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the Lord. If therefore we live or die, we are the Lord's.

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WHO IS THE WEAK? ROMANS 14:9-11

9 For to this end Christ died, rose, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 **But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you despise your brother?** For we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, "'As I live,' says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess to God.'"

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

13 **Therefore let's not judge one another any more,** but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block in his brother's way, or an occasion for falling.

14 **I know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself; *except that to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.***

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14. I know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that **nothing is unclean of itself**; *except that to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean**.

15 Yet if because of food your brother is **grieved***, you walk no longer in love. Don't **destroy*** with your food him for whom Christ died.

*How is he grieved
& destroyed?
(1 Cor. 8:10-12)

NEW THOUGHT!

Strong Eats Meats.
Weak Not Eat.

NOT SINFUL.
FELLOWSHIP.

Strong Pressures
Weak To Eat.

Weak EATS,
Violates His
CONSCIENCE.
COMMITTS SIN.

Strong Despises Weak.
Weak Judges Strong.

THIS IS SIN.
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WHO IS THE WEAK? ROMANS 14:16-19

16 Then don't let your **good** be slandered,*

17 for the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who serves Christ in these things is **acceptable to God** and approved by men.*

19 So then, let us follow after things which make for peace, and **things by which we may build one another up**.*

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WHO IS THE WEAK? ROMANS 14:20-21

20 Don't **overthrow*** God's work for food's sake. All things indeed are clean, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.*

21 It is good to not eat meat, drink wine, nor do anything by which your brother stumbles, is offended, or is made weak.

*How is he overthrown (1 Cor. 8:10-12)?

By EATING in bad conscience!!!

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22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who doesn't **judge himself** *in that which he approves*.

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats*, because it isn't of faith; and whatever is not of faith is **sin**.

*How is he condemned?

By EATING in bad conscience!!!

(1 Cor. 8:10-12; Rom. 14:20, 23)

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WHO IS THE WEAK? ROMANS 15:1-2

- 1 We then that are strong ought to **bear the infirmities of the weak**, and not to please ourselves.
- 2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification

What is the "infirmity" we are to bear with? Is it THINKING his brother is a sinner? NO!

Infirmity (Strong 771) [**asthenema**] from 770; a scruple of conscience:--infirmity.

THIS!

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FELLOWSHIP.

NOT THIS!

Strong Pressures
Weak.

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ROMANS 14:2 & 22

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JUDGE (Strong 2919) [**krino**] properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish:--avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

What Fits The Context? Let The Bible Explain Itself!

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“Gentiles... show the work of the law written in their hearts, their **conscience** testifying with them, and their **thoughts** among themselves **accusing** or else **excusing** them.” (Rom. 2:14-15)

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CONCLUSION:

1. The Strong & Weak are BOTH given a LIBERTY by God!
(14:1-5, 16, 20-23)
2. Both are FORBIDDEN from thinking or expressing evil of one another (14:3, 14)!
3. The Strong is not to cause the weak to violate his conscience (14:13-21)!

In Other Words:

(A) Don't confuse OPINION with REVELATION!

(B) Keep your opinions in their proper place!

AS OPINION & TO YOURSELF (Rom. 14:3, 14, 22)!

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