

Romans # 25

Romans 14

Differences of conscience

Lord's day morning: 22 April 2007
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Children's talk: Yes or No to Popcorn

Introduction

Alypius - Augustine's friend

1. Understanding the issue

What's the issue?	14 ¹⁻²
What's the relevance?	14 ⁵
What's the popular idea today?	
What's the problem?	14 ¹⁰
What's the big deal?	14 ¹⁵
What's a strong conscience?	15 ¹
What's a weak conscience?	14 ¹

2. How we relate to God

Whatever we do, we do to the Lord	14 ⁶
Whatever we do, we give thanks to God	14 ⁶
Whatever we do, we are fully convinced in our own minds	14 ⁵
Whatever does not come from faith is sin	14 ²³

3. How we relate to one another

Accept one another as brethren	- because God does!	14 ¹ , 15 ⁷
Don't judge one another	- because God doesn't!	14 ³ , 10-12
Beware of being a stumbling block	- because Christ died!	14 ¹³⁻²²
Edify one another	- because of the kingdom!	14 ¹⁹

Conclusion

Kingdom-mindedness	14 ¹⁷⁻¹⁸
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Questions answered

- What was the issue in the congregation at Rome?
- What is a popular concept of Christian liberty today?
- What was the real problem in the congregation in Rome?
- What is a strong conscience? Where does it come from?
- What is a weak conscience? Why would some be weak?
- What is to be our attitude in everything we do?
- How can thanking God help us know what to do in a particular situation?
- What should we do if we have doubts about a particular course of action?
- Why should we accept one another as brethren?
- What does it mean for Christians to appear before the judgement seat of Christ?
- Who needs to be careful not to be a stumbling block to his brother? How important is this?
- How do kingdom principles help us get our priorities straight?
- What are we meant to learn from God's apparent delight in diversity within His church?



Things to pray about

- Thank God for His patience and perseverance with us.
- Delight in what God is doing in the life of your brothers & sisters in Christ.
- Think of some things which make for peace and edification in the church.



Search the Scriptures

- What are some other OT types and shadows that are fulfilled in Christ? How do these relate to us in the present day?