

## UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (PT. 2)

### I. UNDERSTANDING THIS PASSAGE/ ISSUE (Romans 14:1-15:13)

A. **Christian Liberty Defined**.....“Christian liberty involves the practice of \_\_\_\_\_ things. These involve areas of personal conscience and conviction that are not clearly commanded or condemned in the Word of God.”

B. **Christians Liberty Is Not**.....

### II. UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN LIBERTY: ITS PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL DISCORD

#### A. The Reasons There Are Differences

1. Due to the differing \_\_\_\_\_ of each believer

a. Disputes about \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 2)

b. Differences in \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5)

c. Differences between saved \_\_\_\_\_ and saved \_\_\_\_\_.

d. Differences based on individual family \_\_\_\_\_ and in the \_\_\_\_\_ within any society.

\*How does this affect the church today?

2. Due to differing levels of \_\_\_\_\_. c.f. 14:1 & 15:1

a. Some are \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith (14:1)

b. Some are \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith (15:1)

\*What was the main reason for these differences?

#### B. The Results of These Differences

1. The stronger believer tends to \_\_\_\_\_ the weaker one (14:3a)

*“let not despise”*

2. The weaker believer tends to \_\_\_\_\_ the stronger one (14:3b)

*“Let not judge”*

\*What is the key ingredient needed here?

\*How does Paul handle these problems?

### III. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S POINT OF VIEW (14:1)

#### A. His Command ..... “ \_\_\_\_\_ one that is weak in the faith”

1. “receive” (proslambano)

2. Is this really important?

#### B. His Caution..... “But not to doubtful disputations”

1. We are not to receive weaker believers in order to \_\_\_\_\_ on their personal \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

\*What if their personal convictions are wrong?

2. We are to receive new believers in order to \_\_\_\_\_ them as brethren in Christ. c.f. 12:9-10 & 13:8-10

\*Do you see other believers as an opportunity to manifest God's love?

### IV. UNDERSTANDING WHAT GOD PROHIBITS (14:2-3)

#### A. The Prohibitions (14:2-3a)

#### B. The Reasons For These Prohibitions

1. The reason you are to receive one another instead of despising and judging them is because “God \_\_\_\_\_ them” (14:3)

2. On what basis does God receive and bless sinners? (Ephesians 1:3-7, 2:8-9)

### V. UNDERSTANDING THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED (14:4-5)

#### A. Principles Concerning Our Personal Responsibility (14:4)

1. You need to stop passing judgment on other believers in the use of their personal liberty because believers are the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_, not yours.

2. You need to remember that each believer \_\_\_\_\_ in approval or \_\_\_\_\_ in disapproval to his own \_\_\_\_\_, not to you.

3. You need to realize that God \_\_\_\_\_ to make another believer \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_!  
\*What can you do to help them?

#### B. The Point About Individual Convictions concerning Christian Liberty (14:5)

• You need to allow another believer to be \_\_\_\_\_ in his/her own \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord regarding the use of their personal liberty.