



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS (ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER SERIES)

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Cultural Differences and Christians' Responses (Romans 14:1—15:7)

Introduction:

- Romans 1–11 — While we were sinners, God demonstrated his love for us by sending his son Jesus Christ to die for us and raising him from the dead. Anyone who believes in him has life and salvation.
- Romans 12–13 — Those who have this salvation have a transformed and renewed life—to love one another, to exercise the gift of the Spirit properly, and to obey the government.

Topic:

- Cultural Differences and Christians' Responses

I. Tolerance is the key

Disputable Matter # 1 — Food (14:2)

- Accept the weak in faith (14:1)
 - The strong shouldn't despise the weak (14:3a)
 - The weak shouldn't condemn the strong (14:3b)
- God has accepted him/her (14:3c)
- Who are we to judge someone else's servant (14:4)

Disputable Matthew # 2 — Sabbath (14:5a)

- It must be a personal conviction (14:5b)
- It must be "for the Lord" (14:6)
- It must be self-denial (14:7–9)
- It must not be judgmental of others (14:10–13a)

II. Although tolerance is needed in personal preferences (14:1–13a), one has no right to stumble another (14:13b–23)

- Is it stumbling to someone? (14:13b–14)
- Is it loving? (14:15)
- Does it guard my testimony? (14:16–18)
- Does it promote peace and edification? (14:19–21)
- Am I boasting? (14:22a)
- Am I striving to be free? (14:22b)
- Is it of faith? (14:23)

III. Greater than tolerance and not-stumbling is bearing one another's burden (15:1–7)

Application