

Class Handout for Romans Chapter 14

The Christian's Attitude of the Weak Toward the Strong  
and of the Strong Toward the Weak

1. What the two groups – strong and weak had in common.
2. The points with respect to which the two groups differed.
3. Paul's attitude toward the two groups and his admonitions addressed to the groups and to the congregation in general.
4. Similarities and differences between Paul's teaching with respect to these issues in Romans and other epistles.
  1. Romans and 1 Corinthians.
  2. Romans and Galatians.
  3. Romans and Colossians.
5. Additional observations.
  1. The final arbiter is love.
  2. Romans 14 is not dealing with situations in which the truth of the gospel is being attacked.
  3. Weak brothers and sisters are to be taught.
  4. We must avoid erecting boundaries to our patience or liberality of spirit on the basis of hypothetical questions.
  5. Each person must be permitted to make his or her own decision in the area of forfeiting liberties.
  6. Congregations must not fragment because there are views and practices within the membership with which some other members disagree.

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