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The righteousness of God proven through Messiah, King Jesus

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#### 3 SECTIONS

14:1-12 The weak and the strong have the same Lord14:13-23 How to cope practically – respect each other15:1-13 Conclusion

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Background: There must have been some tension behind the scenes for Paul to need to write this section

#### **REVIEW FIRST HALF OF ROMANS 14**

Verse 1 "Welcome those who are weak in the faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions."

In 14:1-12 there were disputes about what people were eating and what special days people were honoring

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#### Paul emphasizes:

1. Who are you to pass judgment on a fellow servant?

2. The weak and the strong have the same Lord

#### **ROMANS** 14:13-23 V. 13 is Intro **3 Main Sections** One angle •14-18 Slightly different angle •19-21 22-23 Conclusion

# **ROMANS 14:13**

Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.

# What is fine for you may be a sin for someone else

#### Walking in Love is the priority

Ephesians 5:1 "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

# Verse 15 "Do not let what you eat cause ruin for someone who Christ died for."

#### Verse 17

"For the Kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

#### **OBSERVATION:**

#### True community with deeply intertwined lives is assumed in this passage

# Positive aim: Pursue whatever makes for peace and mutual upbuilding

#### DO NOT DESTROY THE WORK OF GOD

It is good not to do ANYTHING that makes your brother or sister stumble!!

What could make your brother or sister stumble in your own daily lives??

#### ROMANS 14:22-23

#### Summary & Conclusion