

December 11/Day 345

Romans 14

Verses 1-4

- Paul is again using eating meat sacrificed to idols as an example, but his point is that there are some things believers will not agree about and if it's gray area, meaning as long as it is not a moral absolute or essential doctrine, it doesn't matter. Those who are weak (or new) in the faith often find security in legalistic rules.

Verses 5-9

- Now he is using traditions and celebrations to make his same point.
- Where should a believer be convinced? This is the same as the heart in Scripture.

Verses 10-12

- Thessalonians 4:11 says we are to mind our own business. It is between each believer and God, as to the gray area.

Verses 13-23

- Stumbling blocks can go either way. We can cause others to stumble by judging their freedoms or their lack thereof.
- Again, Paul is using the eating example.
- Some will have convictions within themselves of which we may not be aware, but if we are aware, it is not our place to try to convince them otherwise. Example, I know people who boycott certain businesses or holidays. It's not my place to convince them they are wrong. And if I'm going to a concert and my friend believes secular music is sinful, I wouldn't invite them to the concert. On the other hand, the friend shouldn't judge me for my freedom to go to the concert.
- What does verse 22 say about happiness?

Romans 15

Verses 1-6

- What should those who are stronger in the faith do?
- Edification means to build up.
- What was the purpose of the things written in Scripture?
- What does Paul wish God to grant for the church in Rome? How is this possible based on what we just saw regarding differences?

Verses 7-8

- Therefore what? How?

Verses 9-12

- Think about this, would there be Gentiles in the church in Rome?

Verse 13

- What does Paul wish for them here?

Verses 14-20

- On what authority did Paul write boldly?
- What is he talking about in verse 20 and how does this apply to believers today?

Verses 21-29

- What was holding up Paul's visit to Rome?

Verses 30-33

- What did Paul ask the Roman believers to do for him?

Romans 16

Verses 1-2

- Who does Paul introduce in this passage and what does he say about her?

Verses 3-16

- To whom else does he send his regards?
- What does he say about these people?
- Where did Aquila and Priscilla host church? What does this tell us about the early church?

Verses 17-20

- What is Paul's warning here?
- Do remember what Paul had said earlier regarding slavery either to sin or to righteousness? What does he say about these who cause trouble in the church with their false teachings?
- What do they do with smooth and flattering speech?
- What does he promise in verse 20?

Verses 21-24

- Who was with Paul when he wrote?
- By whose hand did he write? He acted as a scribe, dictating Paul's words.
- Who acted as host to Paul?
- What bracketed words were added? (Bracketed words are not found in the original manuscripts, yet do not affect the accuracy of Scripture).

Verses 25-27

- How does Paul close his letter to the believers in Rome?

Congratulations on completing Romans. See you tomorrow.