

Get It Together, Church! (Pursue Peace and Unity!) Pt 3

Romans 14:1-9

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II. Pursue Peace! Practice Theological Triage!

A. What are disputable or doubtful things?

☞ "Disputable things" – topics on which the New Testament is silent or does not make a definitive statement.

B. What is Theological Triage?

1. First order doctrines that define our Faith!
2. Second order doctrines that define our church.
3. Third order doctrines that inform our faith.
4. Matters of Conviction. (v5)
5. Matters of Preference.

☞ It is a mark of maturity to distinguish between doctrine, conviction, and preference!

C. What are the _____ of Paul's day?

1. Matters of _____. (v2)
2. Matters of _____. (v5)
3. Matters of _____. (v21)

"It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak." (v 21)

D. Disputable things today.

III. Pursue Peace! _____ those who are _____ in the Faith! (v 1)

"Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things." (v1)

A. _____ this "Weaker Brother?"

"However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But

take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died." (1 Corinthians 8:7-11; NKJ)

1. Christians can be weak in _____.
2. Christians can be weak in _____.
3. Christians can be weak in _____.
4. Christians can be weak in _____.

B. Five ways you can _____ those who are _____ in the Faith!

"Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. (Romans 14:1-5; NKJ)

1. _____! (v1)

"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Corinthians 1:10-12; NKJ)

"For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2; NKJ)