

SERMON NOTES

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THE WEAK AND THE STRONG

Romans 14:1-15:13

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BIG IDEA: Our opinions on disputable matters should not cause disunity.

BACKGROUND INFO

Weak would be characterized by <u>legalism</u>, most likely Jewish-Christians.

Strong would be characterized by liberty, most likely Gentile-Christians.

NOT QUARRELLING OVER OPINIONS (Romans 14:1-12)

We must be generous and charitable in our <u>assessments</u> of others. (Romans 14:1-4)

We must make our choices by <u>faith</u>. (Romans 14:5-8)

We all must answer to the Lord. (Romans 14:9-12)

NOT CAUSING OTHERS TO STUMBLE (Romans 14:13-23)

We are to be governed by the law of <u>love</u>. (Romans 14:13-18)

We must make peace and edification our main goal. (Romans 14:19-23)

NOT PLEASING OURSELVES, RATHER ACCEPTING OTHERS (Romans 15:1-13)

We should be <u>considerate</u> of others and <u>disciple</u> them in the faith. (Romans 15:1-3)

Believers of all backgrounds must grow together in <u>unity</u>. (Romans 15:4-13)