

**THE GOSPEL OF GRACE**  
**A Study in the Book of Romans**

**Accepting One Another in a Spirit of Unity**

**Romans 14—15:13**

*“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”* Romans 14:19

**Read Romans 14:1-6.**

1. What kinds of matters are definitely NOT “disputable”? (1 Cor. 15:3, 4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. According to verses 1–3, and 5–6, what does a “weak” Christian believe about food/special days, and what does a “strong” Christian believe?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is the sin danger of the “strong” person whose understanding of Christ is mature? (v. 3a)

What is the sin danger of the person whose understanding is still limited? (v. 3b)

**Read Romans 14:7–13.**

4. What is Paul’s main argument as to why Christians should accept one another? (vv. 8-9)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the command to all Christians who are convinced of the rightness of their particular belief or conduct as they live among other Christians who may not share those beliefs? (v. 13; 1 Cor. 10:23–24, 31-32)

**Read Romans 14:14–23.**

6. As to personal behavior, what rule or guideline is given? (vv. 5b, 14b).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What is the kingdom of God most fundamentally a matter of (v. 17), and who is the person who is “pleasing to God and approved by men” (v. 18)?

8. Rather than judging another, to what positive end should we put our energy? (v. 19)
9. In the generosity and liberality of God's judgment towards men's weak faith described in this chapter, what is the one thing he calls flat-out "sin"? (v. 23)

**Read Romans 15:1–6.**

10. Whom does Paul address in verse one?
11. Discuss what Paul meant by saying that the "strong" ought not to "please ourselves" (v. 1) but that each should "please his neighbor for his own good" (v. 2).
12. What are the commands Paul gives in verses 1 and 2?
13. Read Psalm 69:6–13. How did Christ "not please himself" (v. 3)?
14. In verse 4 Paul makes a sweeping statement about the value of reading the Old Testament. List a few words from verse 4 that tell us what we will gain by doing so. (📖 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Cor. 10:6, 11).

**Read Romans 15:7–13.**

15. Why are frivolous splits and divisions among believers most heinous? (v. 7; John 13:34–35; 17:20–23)

16. How is Christ described in verse 8, and for what reason? (vv. 8-9)
17. a. What point do you think Paul is making by quoting four Old Testament books?
- b. Citing the book of Deuteronomy, Paul exhorts, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people!” What do the Gentiles have to rejoice about? (Gal. 3:6–9)
18. Why can the Jewish and Gentile Christians accept one another as one, and not argue or judge one another? (Gal. 3:28; 5:6)
19. In verse 13 Paul pronounces a benediction on his readers. What enables us to be filled with joy and peace and hope?