

“The Challenge of Freedom”
Series: The Glory of Romans

Text: Romans 14:1-12

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Key Verses *Romans 14:1-12* ¹“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. ²“One man’s faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³“The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. ⁴“Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵“One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶“He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷“For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. ⁸“If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹“For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰“You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. ¹¹“It is written: ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.’ ¹²“So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

I. _____ ONE ANOTHER

A. WHO ARE THE _____ ?

1 Corinthians 3:1 “Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ.”

B. WHAT ARE _____ MATTERS?

Proverbs 18:2 “A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.”

II. ALLOW FOR _____

A. DOES YOUR _____ REALLY MATTER?

1 Corinthians 8:8-9 ⁸“But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. ⁹“Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.”

B. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A _____ MAKES!

Revelation 1:10 “On the Lord’s day I was in the Spirit.....”

III. ANSWER TO THE _____

A. ARE YOU _____ FOR THE LORD?

Ephesians 5:8 “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.”

B. ARE YOU READY TO _____ THE LORD?

Hebrews 9:27 “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,”