

## Romans 14 King James Version (KJV)

(Paul was a Bible teacher; not a prophet. These verses are his opinion. They are also good advice to us on how to live peacefully with other people)

**14** Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. (Don't judge new or immature Christians. They need time to learn)

<sup>2</sup>For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. (One eats pork, the other eats no meat at all – These are physical issues, not spiritual. They only have to do with physical health; not spiritual salvation)

<sup>3</sup>Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. (God is the judge. If He receives someone; who are we to judge)

<sup>4</sup>Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. (Again, don't judge other people)

<sup>5</sup>One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. (Christians esteem everyday because Christ became our Passover – our High Sabbath. HE is our rest – spiritually and mentally) see 1Corinthians-5:7-8, Collossians-2

(But don't judge others who only choose to worship God on Saturday or Sunday. Leave it up to the individual to follow his or her conscience)

<sup>6</sup>He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

<sup>7</sup>For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. (We live in a family, a community and a nation. No man is an island. Be a good example to others)

<sup>8</sup>For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. (God created all souls. We all belong to God) Ezekiel-18:4

<sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. (God, as Jesus, died and resurrected for our sins. HE is the God of both the living and the dead)

<sup>10</sup>But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (None of us are perfect. We all have our faults and we will all be judged equally by God. Concentrate on bettering yourself; and leave others to better themselves)

<sup>11</sup>For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (That will happen on the Lord's Day) Isaiah-45:23

Isaiah-45:17-25 (There was a First Age before this one. We were all there with God, in spiritual bodies. This Age <the Second Age> is only maybe a few hundred thousand years old; maybe a few million years old. We don't know its exact age. But, we know that the world is 4.6 billion years old)

<sup>12</sup>So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

<sup>13</sup>Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. (If you get the chance, warn others of the coming of antichrist; otherwise they will be fooled by his deceptions. Maybe some of them will remember your warning when the time comes)

<sup>14</sup>I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. (God created the world to be a recycling biological engine. Everything in nature has its purpose. But if we make something to be perverted, then it is perverted. But that is done by the individual; not by God. Nature is not the problem; people are)

EXAMPLE: God created the scavengers to eat rotting flesh, in order to prevent disease from spreading. The scavenger does not get sick from eating carrion, but if people eat it, or eat the scavenger they will get sick. Everything in this world has a purpose)

<sup>15</sup> But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. (Do not offend other people with what you eat. Don't force your habits onto other people)

<sup>16</sup> Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (The kingdom of God is spiritual; not corporal. We will be in our spiritual bodies, with God, in the Third Age – the eternity)

<sup>18</sup> For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. (A good Christian is also a good neighbor. We lead by example)

<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. (Seek to make peace with other people – if possible)

<sup>20</sup> For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. (Don't insult other people by what you eat or by what they eat. Some people have strange customs concerning food. Although we know what is good to eat, they might not)

<sup>21</sup> It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Examples: (Don't eat a steak in front of Hindus. You would be purposely offending them. Eat the steak when you get home)

(Don't drink wine in front of Jehovah's Witnesses. That will only offend them. Don't eat meat in front of vegetarians. Again, that only puts them off)

<sup>22</sup> Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. (Those foods are good for you; but you turn them into offenses by offending other people's customs. Be a good example to others. That puts Christianity in its best light)

<sup>23</sup> And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. (Deliberately offending other people is a sin)