

Christian Liberty - Romans 14

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Galatians 5:1 ¶ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

1 Corinthians 10:23 ¶ All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

Verse By Verse

1. “Him that is weak in faith” receive but not to “doubtful disputations”

Receive him that is weak in faith in tenderness and not engage him in arguments to his hurt concerning disputable matters.

2. A) may **eat** **all** things B) (weak) **eateth** **herbs**.
3. A) may not despise B) && visa versa => for God hath received him.
4. Don't judge another man's servant => God is able to make him stand
5. C) esteemeth **one day** above another: D) **every day alike**. “Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind” => CONSCIENCE
6. A) C) does it unto the Lord; and B) D) does it unto the Lord
7. & 8) We do not LIVE or DIE unto “ourselves” but “to the Lord”, we are the Lord's
9. Christ is Lord both of the dead and living.
10. **Why do you judge your brother?** = all shall stand before the judgment
11. &= every tongue shall confess to God
12. &= every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
13. **Judge not one another any more:** but **judge this rather,** that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.
14. **there is nothing unclean of itself:** him that esteemeth to him it is unclean/clean
15. SCENARIO: if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. **Destroy not him with thy meat,** for whom Christ died.
16. Let not then your good be evil spoken of:
17. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
18. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.
19. follow after the things which make for peace and edify
20. **For meat destroy not the work of God.** “All things indeed are pure” “it is evil for that man who eateth with offence”
21. 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.
22. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. **Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.**
23. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

Overview

1. MEAT & DRINK & ... MUSIC ?

Where can we apply these?

Verses 6,7, & 8 can be applied to things that **CAN** be done unto the Lord” and (v.14,16) are not particularly clear elsewhere in Scripture.

Christians were no longer obligated to keep these laws, but **neither were they commanded to forsake them**

2. Are we all using music “as unto the Lord”?
 3. Honestly choose our music as we will give an account to God.
 4. If you believe it is wrong, you should NOT listen to it! And DO NOT CAUSE OTHERS TO SIN.
 5. Respect each other’s views and CONSCIENCE. V.15 & v 20 For meat destroy not your brother or the work of God => **The Gospel is Bigger and More Important than Our Disagreements**
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