

Stay in Your Lane

Romans 14:1–12

- **We must prioritize unity within the church: “commUNITY”**
- **We promote unity and peace in the church when we...**

...treat each other with patience and grace,
because the Lord strengthens us all. vv. 1–4

...do everything for the Lord because He died for us
and now lives for us. vv. 5–9

...remind ourselves that the Lord alone will judge us for
our actions. vv. 10–12



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What do you think about the illustration of the driver on the mountain road? Do you see yourself getting dangerously close to the edge? Or, do you see yourself clinging to safety with unnecessary rules and standards that may only produce frustration and hypocrisy?
2. Discuss what Paul is talking about when he refers to a “weak” believer? What is a “strong” believer. Read Rom. 15:1
3. Read vv. 1-4. Paul is promoting unity and wants us to be patient with our weaker brother/sister by not quarreling over opinions. This requires patience, how do you see this working out in the church today?
4. What hot topics tempt you to judge your brother or sister? What is the biblical approach to these areas of disagreement? Compare areas of conscience/conviction and sin, how do we differentiate and how do we respond to sin in the Body?
5. Read vv. 5-9. Paul is talking about religious observances here. How might there be division or discord because of this? Give examples. What does Paul tell us about personal convictions about these observances? What does Paul point us to?
6. Read vv. 10-12. How does this help you understand your own responsibility and how does it give you comfort for your brothers and sisters?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

... Come turner up, come turner in!” — C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

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