

ROMANS 57 – 14:13-23

To the Strong...

1. 14:13

- a. We are not each other's judge, but we are each other's brother and sister
- b. *"Judge this..."* – we do have something to judge – 1 Cor 2:15, Gal 6:1, 1 Thess 5:14
- c. Stumbling blocks were placed by those strong in faith – 1 Cor 8:9, 1:23, Rom 9:32
- d. Occasions to fall from your standing, found under the law – Rom 14:4, Gal 5:1-4
- e. There is no occasion to fall when you are not under the law – Col 2:14, Rom 6:14
- f. People can also fall into temptation, condemnation, and sin – 1 Tim 3:6-7, 6:11

2. 14:14-15

- a. *"persuaded by the Lord Jesus"* – Paul talks to the strong and supports their faith
- b. Paul compares his knowledge with that of others; this is not a new doctrine.
- c. Paul knows all is pure, but he ministers in context – 1 Cor 9:19-22
- d. Contextualizing doesn't change the doctrine; it changes your behavior by grace
- e. It is not just enough to know the doctrine, it is about charity – 1 Cor 8:1-11
- f. Charity rejoices in the truth in others, and rejoices not in iniquity – 1 Cor 13:6
- g. *"destroy him not"* – That is destroy his faith, conscience, growth, testimony
- h. *"for whom Christ died"* – You don't have to be a spiritual giant to be saved
 - i. The simple can be saved too, it is by faith, and they are part of the body

3. 14:16

- a. We operate in liberty, but considering the weaker brother – 1 Cor 10:23-31
- b. *"your good"* – partaking by grace through the liberty you have by faith
- c. The meat is not a sin – there are things that are wrong to do even with liberty
- d. *"be evil spoken of"* – that you are doing wrong and offended God – 1 Thess 5:22

4. 14:17-19

- a. A verse used to prove that the kingdom is never physical, and only spiritual
- b. Paul is identifying the kingdom he mentions is not earthly – Col 1:13, 2:20-22
- c. Jesus taught an earthly kingdom – Matt 6:10, 6:33, 12:28, Mark 16:17, 23:1
- d. Righteousness, peace, joy all come by faith – Rom 4:5, 5:1, 2 Cor 1:24, Col 1:11
- e. Your behavior will prove your ministry – 1 Tim 4:12, 2 Cor 6:4, 2 Tim 2:22
- f. Peace with the believer, in Christian unity not with unsaved – Eph 2:14, 4:3-6

5. 14:20-23

- a. *"hast thou faith"* – Stand fast in your liberty before God, no one is your judge
- b. *"Happy is he..."* – because he knows right doctrine, not because he sins openly
- c. *"is damned"* – Not to hell, but condemnation in service as in Rom 8:1, Titus 3:11
- d. *"whatsoever is not of faith is sin"* – because it is contrary to God's word – Rom 10:17