

Romans 14

1. How has this chapter of Romans been misused in the past? (even by our own brethren)
 - a. Does this chapter address practices that are *inherently* wrong? (*that is, wrong in and of themselves*) (be prepared to explain your answer)
 - b. Verses 3, 14, 18 & 20 are key to a proper understanding of the types of behavior discussed in this chapter. In these verses, how does Paul describe the practices discussed in this chapter?
 - c. According to verses 1 & 3, what were Christians *not to do* regarding the types of differences discussed in this chapter?
 - d. What actual practices were listed in verses 2, 5, 6?
 - e. Why is it dangerous to take the view that Romans 14 addresses practices that are inherently sinful?
2. What does Paul mean in verse 1 when he speaks of one being “weak in the faith?”

- a. In Romans 15:1, what is contrasted with being “weak” in the faith?
3. In verses 4, 10-13, what action belongs only to God?
4. What warning does Paul give about food and wine?
5. Some liberal brethren have attempted to compare the drinking of the “wine” in verse 21 with the consumption of the fortified wines of today.
 - a. What are they missing with regard to how the the word “wine” is used in the Bible?
 - b. What are they missing with regard to this immediate context and the remote contexts of 1 Corinthians 8 & 10?
6. Sin is definitely discussed in this chapter, but not things that are sinful in and of themselves. What sin *is discussed* in this chapter? (vs. 20-23)
7. How is the word “faith” used in verse 23?