

## Navigating Christian Liberty (Pt. 4)

*Romans 14:1—15:13*

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- I. Expect Legitimate Differences on Issues of Conscience (2, 5).
  - A. Two First-Century Examples (2, 5)
    1. Eating Unclean Foods (2)
    2. Observing the OT Holy Days (5a)
  - B. Two Categories of Christians (14:1-2; 15:1)
    1. The Weak in Faith
    2. The Strong in Faith
- II. Accept those Differences in a Spirit of Unity (1-12)
  - A. The Principal Factors in Disunity
  - B. The Biblical Cure for Disunity (1-12)
    1. We do not decide our brother's acceptance—Christ does (1-3)
    2. We are not our brother's Lord—Christ is (4-9)
    3. We are not our brother's Judge—Christ is (10-12)

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### III. Never Allow your Liberty to Cause Others to Sin (13-21)

- A. Genuinely Love our Fellow Christians (15)
- B. Intentionally Live for Kingdom Priorities (16-18)
- C. Voluntarily Limit our Christian Liberty (19-21)

# Implications of Romans 14:13-21...

1. Don't use your liberty around a fellow Christian, if you might cause him to sin.
2. Don't try to persuade a fellow Christian to do something, if his conscience is telling him it may be wrong—even if you know it's not.
3. Don't argue with a fellow Christian about issues of conscience, but gently, graciously educate his conscience with Scripture.