

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Romans**

*Ch. 14:1-12*





Eph 4:3 “Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Col 3:14 “Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”

John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 17:20-21 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.”





# 3 REASONS WE SHOULD MAINTAIN UNITY WITH OTHERS IN THE CHURCH



- 1.The Lord Accepts all believers (14:3)
- 2.The Lord Upholds all believers (14:4)
- 3.The Lord Judges all believers (14:12)



# ROMANS 14:1-12

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5 One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. 7 For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; 8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. 10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." 12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.





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# What this Scriptures is NOT saying.



- Not talking about compromising doctrine.
- Not saying we should compromise Truth.
- Not saying we should not call out sin (Matt 18).
- Or even judge those within the church walking in sin (1 Cor 5:12)
- We are never to compromise Truth for the sake of unity—ever!



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John 10:27-29 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

Jude 24-25 “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”



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Heb. 7:25 “Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Phil 1:6 “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

1 Thess. 5:24 “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.”



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- ✓ Col. 2:16 “Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.”



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“In matters that are not specifically commanded or forbidden in Scripture, it is always wrong to go against conscience, because our conscience represents what we actually believe to be right.



To go against our conscience, therefore, is to do that which we believe is wrong. And although an act or practice in itself may not be sinful, it is treated as sinful for those who are convinced in their own minds that it is wrong, and produces guilt. It is also sinful, however, to try to impose our personal convictions on others, because, in doing so, we are tempting them to go against their own consciences. Paul is therefore giving a twofold command: Do not compromise your own conscience in order to conform to the conscience of another believer and do not attempt to lead another believer to compromise his conscient to conform to yours.” MacArthur Bible Commentary, Romans.



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# USE DISCERNMENT IN THESE

- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Holidays
- ☐ College choices
- ☐ Wine (Paul brings that up)
- ☐ Tattoos.
- ☐ Sunday dress.
- ☐ Even what musical instruments we allow in church on Sunday.





# ROMANS 14:7-9



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# GOOD RULE OF THUMB

In Essentials—Unity.

In Non-essentials—Liberty.

In all things—Charity (love).

