

# To the Church in Rome

## *Matters of Salvation or Not?*

Romans 14

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### Introduction:

- In 49 A.D. Emperor Claudius expelled the Jews from Rome, they came back in 54 A.D. with some friction in the church.
  - Roman 12:1-2
  - How are you doing when it comes to being a Living Sacrifice, Holy and Pleasing to God?
  - Have you responded to the Terms of Pardon yet?
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### 1. Disputable Matters:

- a. Romans 14:1-6
- b. Romans 1-8 – We talked about Justification by faith, apart from works – Romans 6:23
- c. Romans 9-11 – We talked about the Two Israel's – The Physical Nation and the Spiritual Nation (The Church).
- d. Romans 12-13 – We talked about the Sanctification process that the Holy Spirit begins when you respond to the Terms of Pardon.
- e. Romans 14-15:13 – Sanctification – the personal side.
- f. *Disputable Matters* ... These are things that the Jewish Believers or the Gentiles held onto as important from their past – *But they are not matters of salvation.*
- g. *Weak Faith* – This is referring to those who still had this idea that the Grace of God was not enough for them to stay in the good graces. It had to be Grace and then whatever else they were doing.
- h. Romans 12:18
- i. Romans 14:5-8
- j. Romans 14:5
- k. Romans 14:7
- l. Romans 14:9-12

### 2. Do Not Pass Judgement:

- a. Romans 14:13-18
- b. Romans 14:13

- c. The biggest problem with the church at large is when people will pick at someone over stuff that does not matter to salvation. – This can become annoying because it makes a person feel that you are “*Nitpicking*” them to death and they will associate that with all Christians.
- d. The biggest problem with the world is that they have wrongly defined what the word “*Judgement*” means. *The world calls anything that you tell them is wrong in their life as judging them.* – This is flawed thinking ... The word Judgement carries with it a much harsher meaning.
- e. Greek – Krino ... English – Judgement ... “*To Judge a person to be guilty and liable for punishment ... To judge as guilty to condemnation.*”
- f. Greek – Nouthesia (*New-Tha-Sea-A*) ... English – Warn ... “*To provide instruction as to correct behavior or belief ... To Instruct – To Teach.*”
- g. Romans 14:15-18

### 3. Spiritual Peace:

- a. There is nothing more satisfying to anyone than peace.
- b. Romans 14:22-23
- c. Philippians 4:4-9
- d. Senator Kennedy of Louisiana – “*Life is hard – But it is harder when you are stupid.*”
- e. Restoration Plea - “*In essentials, unity – In non-essentials, liberty ... In all things, love.*”