

“HARMONY IN FOGGY PLACES”

Romans 14:1-12

How have you wrongly judged someone?

Significance of Chs. 14-15:

12:1-2 – Two verses on the Christian mind

12:3-8 – Six verses on proper estimation

12:9-21 – Thirteen verses on Christian love

13:1-7 – Seven verses on the church & government

13:8-10 – Three more verses on love

13:11-14 – Four verses on living in light of Christ’s return

14:1-15:7 – ***THIRTY-FIVE VERSES*** on judgement & non-essential matters in the church!

1. _____ *Is Key to Harmony (vv. 1-4)*

Note the COMMANDS:

v. 1 – receive (accept) –

v. 3 – do not despise –

v. 3 – must not judge –

Note the CONTRAST:

Strong –

Weak –

Paul doesn’t give the reason for “differing opinions;” just tells us there will be. That should be our main focus rather than trying to find out why because these are the grounds often for CONFLICT & DIVISION.

EXAMPLE:

Pride vs. Humility =

2. _____ & _____ *One Another’s Differences (vv. 5-6)*

No stronger vs. weaker in these verses; just the different convictions.

BOTH ARE EQUALLY VALID per Paul.

See the role of conscience?



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

FOUR FACTORS TO CONSIDER: **We all...**

- Have Different _____ -
- Differ in Our _____ & _____ Gifting –
- Have Had Different _____ -
- Are at Different Stages of _____ -

All these elements influence our convictions & preferences.

Let God have his proper place...

Know each other's stories...

Is It Wrong to Judge Sin?

3. _____ *on Living for the* _____ (vv. 7-9)

Gossip & Comparisons?

The Diagnosis (vv. 7-8) –

We had an initial response of faith for salvation to the gospel. How are we to respond now?

What is our aim & focus?

EXAMPLE w/ Pertinent Question –

4. *Let* _____ *Be the* _____ (vv. 10-12)

Everyone will be judged! Saved & unsaved!

Two Thoughts:

(1)

(2)

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS TEXT?