

“The 'Weak' Brother”

Rom. 15:1-7

Introduction

- I. Those who have matured in the faith must live their lives in such ways as to consider their “weaker” brethren.
- II. These brethren are not wrong for the scruples that they hold (Rom. 14:14-23).
- III. Liberty must be tempered with love.

Discussion

- I. Sometimes the “weak” brother might be carrying some denominational baggage.
 - A. Every Christian begins his walk with the Lord having some preconceived ideas.
 1. A former Seventh-Day Adventist might feel uncomfortable eating pork.
 2. A former Mormon might have an aversion to coffee.
 3. A former Amish might not feel at ease with modern machinery and technologies.
 - B. Imagine the struggle that some “Jewish” Christians might have had after leaving Judaism.
- II. The consideration for the “weak” brother is limited.
 - A. Where God has commanded, there is no liberty.
 - B. Obedience to God must take precedence (Acts 5:29; Matt. 6:33).
 - C. Liberty does not allow for mistreatment of our brethren (Gal. 5:1-15; 1 Cor. 8:4-13).

Conclusion

- I. Where are we in our spiritual development?
- II. We must be remember that we are not alone in the church.