

Accepting Each Other

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Romans 14:1-4

The whole chapter of Romans 14 has been some of the hardest principles for the church to live. We have created sets of doctrines/teachings across all churches that are designed to exclude those who don't see things exactly the same way that

we do. And in doing so we have chosen not to accept some whose faith we believe is weaker than ours. Each group has decided that their version of scripture is THE version of scripture.

The key in the first four verses is "disputable matters." But agreement on what constitutes disputable matters has caused more division in churches than almost anything else. A disputable matter to some is a critically essential matter to others. So, what do we do? We learn to accept one another without judging. We choose love and acceptance. We don't decide who/what God accepts and doesn't accept. He does. Let's leave it to Him.

Accept each other in Christ, even when our doctrine/teaching isn't exactly the same! Believe that the Lord is able!

All Things for Christ,
Michael