

We Belong to the Lord

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

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Romans 14:5-12

Sometimes we are so selfish and arrogant that we miss opportunities to really live for the Lord. We get so concerned about how someone else believes that we aren't even sure and convinced of what we believe. We either dig our heels in and refuse to even consider someone else's convictions. Or we waiver back and forth and are quick to run with the latest 'new view' of something.

God is so much bigger than our convictions about things. His love, His grace, His law, His word, etc. always trumps what we believe about them. We can simply trust that "whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." We are accountable to Him.

Today – love God, love others and live to the Lord!

All Things for Christ,
Michael