THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

Charts Used In Teaching Biblical Studies
From Paul’s Epistle To The Romans

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Paul’s 3 “I Am” Affirmations
Rom 1:14-16

• “I Am Debtor” ➔ Under obligation to all
  Are We? cp. 1 Cor 9:19-23

• “I Am Ready” ➔ Prepared, available
  Are We? cp. 1 Pet 3:15  2 Tim 4:2

• “I Am Not Ashamed” ➔ No hesitations, regrets re: truth
  Are We? cp. 2 Tim 2:15
Paul’s 3 “I Am” Affirmations

Rom 1:14-16

• We know Paul was not ashamed
  cp. 2 Cor 4:7-14  11:23-28

• We need to examine ourselves to see if we are unashamed of AND ready to work for the gospel
Man often judges hypocritically, forgetting his own sinfulness vv. 1-3

Man also judges others based on his opinions cp. Mt 15:1-9 Lk 14:1-6

The Stumbling Block

Rom 2:17-29

- Saints today can be as guilty with “Christian” as the Hebrews were with “Jew” vv. 17-23
  - To avoid this, vigilance is required 2 Cor 13:5
- The gospel can be hindered due to our improper conduct cp. Gal 2:11-13
- Jesus pronounced a woe on such Mt 18:3-7
- Like “circumcision,” “baptism” changes the inside, not the outside vv. 28-29
The “Mechanics” Of Man’s Salvation     Rom 3:24-25

• The **Means**  ➔  Jesus Christ     v. 24  
  cp.  Acts 4:12     Jn 14:6     1 Tim 2:5-6

• The **Operation**  ➔  God’s Forgiveness     
  v. 24     cp.  Rom 4:7     Heb 8:12     1 Jn 1:9

• The **Condition**  ➔  Man’s Obedient Faith      
  v. 25     cp.  Rom 10:17     Heb 11:6
  Jas 2:26
Abraham: A “Case Study” In Being Justified By Grace

Rom 4:1-22

• An example Jews would respect cp. Mt 3:9

• If he were justified by works, he could...
  – ...boast, but not before God v. 2 cp. 3:27
  – ...claim God owed him v. 4

• He was “accredited” his righteousness (justification) by his faith v. 3
  – Accomplished because God forgave him vv. 6-8
  – Confirmed by the Scripture cp. Psa 32:1-2
**Abraham: A “Case Study” In Being Justified By Grace**  
Rom 4:1-22

- **His reckoning = before law**  
  vv. 10-16
- **His faith is seen over his lifetime**  
  vv. 17-22

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**Comparing Adam & Christ**

**Rom 5:14-19**

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| - Introduced spiritual death  
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| - Brought condemnation  
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| - An act of transgression  
  v. 18 | - An act of righteousness  
  v. 18 |
| - Disobedience made many sinners (possibility)  
  v. 19 | - Obedience made many righteous (possibility)  
  v. 19 |
Anticipated Questions & Answers
To Paul’s Teaching That Man Is Justified By Grace Through Faith

7 Questions Found In Romans 6-11
Shall We Continue In Sin That Grace Might Increase? Romans 6:1-14

- Paul’s short *initial* answer  v. 2a
- Paul’s lengthy *reasoned* answer  vv. 2b-7
  - We have died to, been freed from sin
  - Symbolically portrayed in baptism
- Paul’s practical illustration  vv. 8-11
  - We cannot if we truly are following Christ
- Paul’s exhortation  vv. 12-14  cp. Col 3:1-10
Shall We Sin Because We Are Not Under Law But Under Grace? Rom 6:15 - 7:6

- Paul’s short *initial* answer 6:15
- Paul’s lengthy *reasoned* answer 6:16-18
  - Though under grace, we are “slaves” who obey
  - Doctrinally proven when we are baptized
- Paul’s exposition of sin 6:19-23
  - Sin has no benefit...only brings shame, death
- Paul’s proof we are still under law 7:1-6
Is The Law Sin?
Rom 7:7-23

- Paul’s short *initial* answer  v. 7a
- Paul’s lengthy *reasoned* answer  vv. 7b-13
  - The Law’s purpose is to reveal sin  vv. 7b, 13
  - Paul personifies sin to show its power  vv. 8-11
    - cp. 1 Cor 15:56
  - That which is good cannot cause death  vv. 12-13
    - cp. Deut 6:24
Is The Law Sin?
Rom 7:7-23

✔ What is the meaning of vv. 14-23?
✔ Does it describe a Christian? v. 14 cp. 6:7,18,22
✔ Why can’t the Law help such a frustrated man?
  ✔ Because it demands perfection cp. 3:20, 28
  ✔ Because it is dead cp. 7:4

This is what separates the Law of Christ from the Law of Moses cp. Heb 10:1-4 Rom 8:2-4
Who Will Set Me Free From The Body Of This Death? Rom 7:24 - 8:30

✔ Paul’s short *initial* answer 7:25 - 8:1

✔ Paul’s lengthy *reasoned* answer 8:2-11
  ✔ Christ did what the Law could not do vv. 3-4
  ✔ Those who set their minds on spiritual things will enjoy freedom vv. 5-11
  ✔ Possible only when “the Spirit of God” & “Christ” dwells in man vv. 9-11 cp. Eph 3:17 Col 3:16 Eph 5:18
Those set free by Christ’s sacrifice are “under obligation”

- We must live by the Spirit, not for the flesh (v. 13)
- This lifestyle produces adopted children, not slaves to a law of death (vv. 14-16)
- Such children will even be “joint heirs” with Christ...if they suffer with Him (v. 17)

QUESTION #4

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☑ Sufferings don’t dampen our hope 8:18-30
☑ Sufferings compare paled to our future glory
  v. 18  cp. 2 Cor 4:17
☑ There is still hope for God’s "creation" vv.20-21
  cp. 2 Cor 5:17  Gal 6:15  Eph 2:10
☑ The Holy Spirit aids us when we pray vv. 26-27
☑ God’s providence is powerful, still active v. 28
If God Is For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?
Rom 8:31-39

✔ Will He not freely give us all things?  v. 32
  cp. 1 Cor 2:12  Jas 1:17  Mt 7:7-8  
  Jn 15:7,16  Jas 4:3  1 Jn 3:22  5:14-15

✔ Who, therefore, can “charge” us?  vv. 33-34
  cp. Acts 19:38,40  23:8-9  26:2,7

✔ Has God not justified us?

✔ Does Christ not intercede for us?
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Rom 8:31-39

✔ What can separate us from God’s love?
vv. 35-39
✔ Nothing can be imposed on us from any source that would thwart His love for us
✔ Therefore, saints are “more than conquerors”
✔ Only we can separate ourselves from God
QUESTION #6

Is There Unrighteousness With God? Rom 9:1 - 10:21

✔ Paul is grieved re: the Jews’ lost state 9:1-3
  ✔ He even wishes he was “accursed” from God

✔ The Jews’ condition is made even worse, given their heritage 9:4-5 cp. 3:1-2

✔ Yet, the Jews cannot blame God 9:6-13
  ✔ God possesses the right to choose

✔ To illustrate, Paul cites 2 O.T. examples
God has always chosen His people 9:6b-13

✔ Abraham’s seed vv. 7-9 cp. Gen 18:10 21:12
✔ Isaac’s seed vv. 10-13 cp. Gen 25:23
          Mal 1:2-3 not Heb 12:16

✔ Paul’s aim is to illustrate God’s sovereign right to choose salvation for the Gentiles while not treating Jews unrighteously
Is There Unrighteousness With God?  Rom 9:1 - 10:21

✔ God is just in His dealings with man  9:14-18
  ✔ He extends mercy to those who seek Him, and hardens those who rebel against Him

✔ Man has no right to question God  9:19-29
  ✔ He has prepared “vessels” for certain uses
  ✔ He has always sought the Gentiles’ salvation
    ✔ He announced this through the prophets of old
      Hos 2:23  1:10  Isa 10:22-23  1:9  13:19
Is There Unrighteousness With God?  Rom 9:1 - 10:21

✔ Paul summarizes the difference between Gentiles and Jews  9:30-33
  ✔ Gentiles did not seek righteousness but found it
    ✔ Why? Because they sought it “by faith”
  ✔ Jews sought righteousness but did not find it
    ✔ Why not? Because they sought it “through law”
  ✔ Jews stumbled over the truth about Christ
  cp. Isa 28:16
Is There Unrighteousness With God?  Rom 9:1 - 10:21

✔ Paul begins defending the gospel  10:1-4
✔ He still desires the Jews’ salvation  v. 1 cp. 9:3
✔ Israel’s problem wasn’t zeal but pride, even self-righteousness  vv. 2-3 cp. Mt 5:20  6:1-7
  ✔ Righteousness is only found in the gospel  cp. 1:17
✔ Christ is the “end” (goal, termination) of the Law for righteousness  v. 4 cp. Mt 5:17
Is There Unrighteousness With God?  Rom 9:1 - 10:21

✔ Paul begins presenting the gospel  10:5-21
✔ Justification by a law system requires perfect compliance → **IMPOSSIBLE**  v. 5  cp. Lev 18:5
✔ Justification by grace doesn’t require impossible things  vv. 6-10  cp. Mt 5:20  6:1-7
✔ No need to ascend to heaven, descend into the abyss to contact Christ  vv. 6-8  cp. Deut 30:12-14
✔ Salvation in Christ is easy to obtain  vv. 9-10
Is There Unrighteousness With God? Rom 9:1 - 10:21

✔ Paul begins presenting the gospel 10:5-21

✔ Justification is available to all men vv. 11-13
  ✔ No distinction between Jew & Gentile v. 12
  ✔ Anyone can “call upon the name of the Lord” and be saved v. 13 cp. Mt 7:21 Acts 22:16

✔ God desired His saving message be proclaimed for all to know of it vv. 14-15
Is There Unrighteousness With God? Rom 9:1 - 10:21

✔ Paul begins presenting the gospel 10:5-21
✔ The Jews stand guilty of rejecting this message of faith and remaining lost vv. 16-21
  ✔ Faith comes only from believing God’s word v. 17
  ✔ Through the prophets, Israel certainly knew of God’s plan to save the Gentiles vv. 18-20
  ✔ Israel remained an “obstinate” people v. 21
Has God Cast Away His People?  Rom 11:1-36

✔ Paul’s short **initial** answer  v. 1a

✔ Paul’s lengthy **reasoned** answer  vv. 1b-6
  ✔ He was a Jew and was not cast away  v. 1b
  ✔ God has always foreknown His people  vv. 2-6
    ✔ The Jews’ thinking = Elijah’s  vv. 2-4  cp. 1 Kings 19
    ✔ “In the same way” God has His “Election of grace” today under the gospel cp. Rom 8:28-30  Acts 18:10
  ✔ An election on the basis of grace, not work  v. 6
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Paul again mentions the Jews’ predicament  
vv. 7-10  cp. Deut 29:4  Isa 29:10  Psa 69

Paul addresses the Gentiles re: the Jews and their own salvation  
vv. 11-32

The Jews’ fall was to accomplish 2 things:

Salvation would come to the Gentiles  
vv. 11-12

The Jews hopefully would be moved to jealousy and also gain salvation in Christ  
vv. 11, 14
Paul addresses the Gentiles re: the Jews and their own salvation vv. 11-32

The Jews’ rejection of Christ meant the world’s reconciliation, and hopefully the Jews’ own “resurrection” v. 15

Paul reminds the Gentiles that God will still accept the Jews by faith v. 16a cp. Ex 23:19
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☑ Paul addresses the Gentiles re: the Jews and their own salvation vv. 11-32
☑ To illustrate the Gentiles’ proper attitude and the Jews’ restoration, Paul uses the imagery of a tree vv. 16b-24
☑ God’s family is no longer based on physical roots
☑ God’s family is a spiritual tree of faith
GOD'S ELECTION OF GRACE

Rom 11:5, 16b-24

Natural “Jewish Family” Tree

Abrahamic Promise

Gen 12:1-2
Rom 11:5, 16b-24

Gentile Wild Branch Breaks Off From Unbelief vv. 21-22

Jewish Natural Branch Grafted Back In Through Belief vv. 23-24
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Spiritual Tree Of Faithful Family
cp. Gal. 3:7, 26-29

Abrahamic Promise
Gen 12:3
QUESTION #7

Has God Cast Away His People? Rom 11:1-36

✔ Paul addresses the Gentiles re: the Jews and their own salvation vv. 11-32
✔ Paul exhorts the Gentiles against the attitudes that plagued the Jews vv. 25-32
✔ Gentiles should not be high-minded v. 25
✔ God desires to save “all Israel” v. 26 cp. 9:6-8
✔ Just as God showed them mercy, He desires to be merciful to the Jews as well vv. 30-32
Has God Cast Away His People?  Rom 11:1-36

Paul concludes the 2nd main section of the letter praising God, His wisdom  vv. 33-36

- God’s wisdom is unfathomable
- Who could have taught Him such a plan to save man lost in sin?
- Who else but God could have devised such a scheme to fairly save both Jew & Gentile?
Living A Life That Shows One Has Been Justified By Grace Through Faith

6 Applications Found In Romans 12:1 - 15:13
Refusing To Conform To The World Around Us
Rom 12:1-2

✔ “Conformed” → “To fashion, shape one thing like another” [Vine’s]
   “To fashion one’s self to another’s pattern” [Thayer]

✔ “Transformed” → “To change into another form” [Vine’s, Thayer]

✔ Origin of our word “Metamorphosis”
Refusing To Conform To The World Around Us
Rom 12:1-2

✔ Other N.T. uses...
✔ “Conformed” ➔ 1 Pet 1:14...not to be molded like our former lusts
✔ “Transformed” ➔ Mt 17:2; Mk 9:2...Jesus was “transfigured”
2 Cor 3:18...how saints are “changed” into a glorious image like our Lord
Our transformation...

✓ happens when we “renew our minds”
  cp. 2 Cor 10:3-5  Col 3:1-2
✓ begins in the mind  v. 2
✓ proceeds to bodily actions  v. 1
✓ presents living sacrifices  v. 1  cp. 1 Pet 2:4-5
✓ should be motivated by God’s mercy, our desire to prove God’s way to live is best
Refusing To Conform To The World Around Us

Rom 12:1-2

✔ Other passages that harmonize with
Rom 12:1-2...
Col 3:1-2
1 Pet 1:13-14

N.T. Christianity is definitely a “thinking” man’s religion cp. Lk 14:28-32
Serving Others With Humility  Rom 12:3-16

✔ Paul warns Christians  v. 3a
✔ Pride is never portrayed in a positive way in the Scripture  cp. Prov 6:16-19  16:18  Jas 4:6  1 Pet 5:5

✔ Paul exhorts Christians  v. 3b
✔ We must have “sound judgment” to escape pride  cp. Mk 5:15  Lk 8:35  2 Cor 5:13  Titus 2:6  1 Pet 4:7
APPLICATION 
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Serving Others With Humility  Rom 12:3-16

✔ Paul reminds Christians how an environment of humble service is possible  vv. 4-16
  ✔ It begins with God’s provisions  vv. 3-8
    ✔ God’s “gifts” take on various forms
  ✔ It continues with our own attitudes  vv. 9-16
    ✔ Love must be without hypocrisy  v. 9a  cp. 1 Pet 1:22
    ✔ Hearts must be devoted to good, abhorrent of evil  
      v. 9b  cp. 1 Thess 5:21  Psa 119:104, 128
Paul reminds Christians how an environment of humble service is possible \( \text{vv. 4-16} \)
- It continues with our own attitudes \( \text{vv. 9-16} \)
  - Brethren must be devoted to each other...even preferring one another \( \text{v. 10} \) \( \text{cp. Phil 2:3-4} \)
  - Saints must not lag in diligence, but be fervent \( \text{v. 11} \)
- Saints must be hopeful, persevering, thoughtful of others’ needs \( \text{vv. 12-13} \)
Paul reminds Christians how an environment of humble service is possible vv. 4-16

- It continues with our own attitudes vv. 9-16
- Saints must bless, pray for those who persecute them v. 14 cp. Mt 5:43-48
- Saints must rejoice, empathize with others v. 15
- Brethren must be like-minded, refraining from a haughty attitude v. 16
Refusing To Return Evil On Those Who Mistreat Them  Rom 12:17-21

✔ We are prohibited in paying back evil for evil to anyone  vv. 17-18

✔ Evil does exist...and the godly will suffer
  Mt 5:43-48  2 Tim 3:12  1 Pet 4:3-4  1 Jn 3:10-13

✔ Yet, we must focus on “what is right” and not on “who did us wrong” or “who was wronged”

✔ We must be peaceful “so far as it depends on us”  v. 18  cp. Acts 4:1-3,18  5:17-18, 28-29
Refusing To Return Evil On Those Who Mistreat Them  Rom 12:17-21

✔ We are prohibited from taking our own revenge  v. 19

✔ Rather, we must “leave room for God’s wrath”

✔ Vengeance belongs to Him, and Him alone

✔ Only He is slow to wrath  Nah 1:1-8

✔ Man acts hastily in passion  Deut 19:4-6

✔ Man’s wrath never produces righteousness  Jas 1:19-20
- Penalties for disobedience   Lev 26:23-26
- Punishment upon the Midianites   Num 31:2-3
- Anointing of Jehu re: house of Ahab   2 Kings 9:7
- Judgments on Edom & Philistia   Ezek 25:14, 17
- Jerusalem’s destruction   Lk 21:22
- Upon physical lawbreakers   Rom 13:4
- Final judgment on unbelievers   2 Thess 1:8
- Final judgment on believers who willfully sin   Heb 10:30
- Final judgment on immoral wickedness   Jude 7
Refusing To Return Evil On Those Who Mistreat Them  Rom 12:17-21

✔ There are also *practical* reasons why saints are not to repay evil for evil
  ✔ Vengeance precludes peace  v. 18
  ✔ Vengeance treads on God’s ground  v. 19
  ✔ Vengeance ignores others’ needs  v. 20a
  ✔ Vengeance inhibits others’ salvation  v. 20b
  ✔ Saints must overcome evil with good  v. 21
Paul exhorts saints towards their civil responsibilities v. 1

- We are to be “subject to governing authorities”
  v. 1a cp. Titus 3:1 1 Pet 2:13-17
- We submit because God empowers such rulers

Paul warns saints of the consequences if this exhortation is not heeded v. 2
✔ There is an obvious exception...


✔ God’s people have always had to learn to trust God, “live by faith” cp. Hab 1:1-4, 5-7, 13-15 2:4
Paul outlines proper civil behavior vv. 3-6

We should always have “good behavior” v. 3a

Civil rule should commend good civil conduct

However, if our behavior is evil,... v. 4b

...we should “fear” civil rule, its “sword”

...God will avenge through civil rule cp. 12:19

...we should suffer wrath for our disobedience

This authorizes capital punishment when necessary
Paul outlines proper civil behavior vv. 3-6

- We should always submit to civil rule, not only to avoid its wrath, but also for “conscience’ sake” v. 5

- This “moral sense of ought” also leads us to financially support civil rule v. 6

- Jesus taught the same principle Lk 20:20-26

- Saints need to render “what is due” v. 7
Loving & Serving Others Diligently In The Cause Of Christ  Rom 13:1-7

✔ Paul outlines our social & moral obligations vv. 8-10
  ✔ Loving others “fulfills the law”  v. 8
  ✔ Loving others “sums up” God’s expectations of us towards others  v. 9  cp. Mt 22:39-40
  ✔ Love never does wrong to any man  v. 10  cp. 1 Cor 13:4-8a  Rom 12:17-21
  ✔ Love defines who is our neighbor  cp. Lk 10:25-37
Paul identifies the impetus for such love

vv. 11-14

Saints are to “know the time” v. 11

It is time to “awaken from sleep” cp. Eph 5:8-14

This “time” can be known, even redeemed

cp. Mk 13:32 Eph 5:15-16

“Sleep” = indifference, sluggishness, lethargy

“Salvation” is nearer than at the first cp. 1 Pet 1:5
Loving & Serving Others Diligently In The Cause Of Christ Rom 13:1-7

✔ Paul identifies the impetus for such love vv. 11-14
✔ Saints are to “put off deeds of darkness” and “put on the armor of light” vv. 12-13
✔ Darkness is sought because of sin cp. Jn 3:19-21
✔ God equips His people for the light cp. Eph 6:10-17
✔ Sins of “excess” (alcohol, sex) must be avoided v. 13
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✔ Saints are to “put on the Lord Jesus” and “make no provision for the flesh”  v. 14

✔ Christ initially “put on” at one’s conversion, continually as the disciple grows  
Gal 3:26-27  4:19

✔ Disciples shouldn’t plan to fill fleshly desires unlawfully  
Getting Along With Brethren
When We Differ Over Matters Of Opinion  Rom 14:1 - 15:13

✔ This text is re: the conscience, knowledge
   ✔ Vital, but not sufficient by itself  cp. Acts 23:1

✔ Who is the “strong” and the “weak”?
   ✔ “Strong” = understands the will of Christ
   ✔ In context, most likely a Gentile Christian
   ✔ “Weak” = doesn’t understand the will of Christ
   ✔ In context, most likely a Jewish Christian
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✔ What are the textual issues?
✔ Whether or not meat could be eaten  14:2
✔ Whether or not days could be observed  14:5a
✔ The “strong” is not to receive the “weak” just for the purposes of passing judgment  14:1
✔ The difference between such brethren is “faith” or an understanding of “the faith”
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When We Differ Over Matters Of Opinion  Rom 14:1 - 15:13

✔ The difference between such brethren is “faith” or an understanding of “the faith”
✔ Both are forbidden to judge the other, hold the other in contempt  14:3a
✔ God has received them both  14:3b-4
✔ Though brethren have such differences, each is to be “fully convinced in his own mind”  14:5b
✔ Each takes his position “for the Lord”  14:6
Each is individually accountable before God
14:7-12
- No one lives, dies for himself  v. 7
- Whether we live, die...we belong to God  v. 8
  cp. Phil 1:20-21
- “To this end, Jesus lived & died”  v. 9
- Therefore, we shouldn’t judge, contemptuously look at brethren with whom we differ  vv. 10-12
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✔ Paul’s instructions to brethren who differ 14:13-21

✔ Do not judge...rather, “resolve” to not put a stumbling block in a brother’s way  v. 13

✔ Weaker brethren must be considered  v. 14

✔ A failure to consider a weaker brother is a failure to “love him for whom Christ died”  v. 15

✔ The kingdom should be the focus  vv. 16-21
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✔ What is “good” can become “evil”   v. 16
✔ The kingdom of God doesn’t hinge on personal liberties, but on “righteousness” & “peace”   v. 17
✔ “Let us pursue the things that make for peace, edification of one another”   vv. 18-21
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When We Differ Over Matters
Of Opinion   Rom 14:1 - 15:13

✔ How brethren can handle such differences
14:22 - 15:4
✔ Whatever faith one has should be kept to one’s self   14:22a
✔ SUBJECTIVE faith here...not OBJECTIVE   cp. Jude 3
✔ If one acts contrary to what he believes is right, he condemns himself and thus sins
   14:22b-23
Application #6
Getting Along With Brethren
When We Differ Over Matters Of Opinion  Rom 14:1 - 15:13

✔ How brethren can handle such differences  
  14:22 - 15:4
  ✔ Saints must not violate their conscience  14:22b
  ✔ If one acts in doubt, he has sinned  14:23
  ✔ The “strong” are to bear with the “weak”  15:1
    ✔ This produces edification  15:2
    ✔ This follows Christ, fulfills the Scripture  15:3-4
    cp. Phil 2:3-8
Getting Along With Brethren
When We Differ Over Matters Of Opinion  Rom 14:1 - 15:13

✔ God’s intentions for His people  15:5-13
✔ We are to be “of the same mind”  v. 5
✔ We are to glorify Him “with one accord”  v. 6
✔ We are to “accept one another”  vv. 7-12
  ✔ Christ came for the Jews  v. 7
  ✔ Christ came for the Gentiles  vv. 8-12
✔ We are to be “filled with joy and peace…and abound in hope”  v. 13
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✔ Division over Rom 14 is not just recent
✔ 1800’s → Isaac Errett  (musical inst.)
✔ 1908 → Otey/Briney debate  (musical inst.)
✔ 1930’s → R.H. Boles  (premillennialism)
✔ 1950’s - 70’s → Carl Ketcherside  
  (“Unity in Diversity”)
✔ 1988 → Ed Harrell  (“Issues of Moral & Doctrinal Import”)
Textual Reasons Why Rom 14 Can’t Apply To Issues Of “Moral & Doctrinal Import”

Examples:

Moral Issue
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Will God accept the homosexual, adulterer?

v. 3 cp. 2 Jn 9-11
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Will God make the homosexual, adulterer stand?  v. 4  cp. 1 Cor 6:9-10
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Can homosexuality, adultery be practiced “to the Lord”?  v. 5  cp. 1 Cor 6:18  Mt 15:19  Titus 2:10
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vv. 10, 13    cp. Jas 5:19-20   1 Cor 6:11
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⑤ Is homosexuality, adultery “clean of itself”?  
v. 14  cp. Gal 5:19-22
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✔ Thus...Where Does Rom 14 Apply?
✔ Consider this synopsis of the New Testament...
  ✔ The N.T. deals with three (3) main areas:
    ① Commands, things specified to be believed, practiced
    ② Things prohibited
    ③ Things right of themselves, but optional

Romans 14 falls into this category
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✔ Thus...Where Does Rom 14 Apply?
✔ It must, therefore, apply to areas where God has not specifically spoken as to the individual practice of the issue

✔ Examples
✔ Circumcision
✔ Observing days, eating foods
✔ Whether or not to marry
✔ Playing cards
✔ Putting up a Christmas tree
✔ Working on Sundays
Paul’s Final Exhortations
And Personal Plans
Rom 15:14 - 16:27

• Final Exhortations
  • “Admonish one another” 15:14
    • Some of Paul’s writings had been “bold” 15:15
  • “Keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances...turn away from them” 16:17
    • Especially relative to what he taught in chs. 14-15
    • Such serve themselves, not Christ...they deceive others 16:18
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• Final Exhortations
  • “Be wise in what is good...be innocent in what is evil” 16:19
    • To help, the “God of peace” will crush Satan, false teaching 16:20
  • Saints are “established” by God’s revelation of a previously-held “mystery” 16:25-26 cp. Eph 3:1-6
    1 Pet 1:9b-12 2 Pet 1:19-21
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• Personal Plans
  • “I have a longing to come to you…” 15:22-23
  • He was often hindered by his preaching in places “where Christ was not already named” cp. 15:20-21
  • He hoped to rectify this by stopping at Rome on his way to work in Spain 15:24
  • “Now I am going to Jerusalem” 15:25-28
    cp. 1 Cor 16:3-4  2 Cor 9:12  8:9