

Problem over eating of meats and holy days

- The strong could eat meat and ignore holy days because they knew that the old Law had ended.
- The weak couldn't let go of the Old Law
- They were having problems in their attitude toward one another:
 - The weak were condemning those who ate meat and didn't observe holy days; the strong were showing no consideration for their convictions.

Paul Taught That:

- Strong must not despise the weak (Rom. 14:3)
- Weak must not condemn the strong (Rom. 14:3, 10)
- They must not cause another to stumble (Rom. 14:13)
- They must not destroy the weak (Rom. 14:15, 16)
- They must not condemn self (Rom. 14:21, 22)

The Context Doesn't Cover

- unacceptable practices
 - God doesn't fellowship those in moral sin (Gal. 5:19-21)
 - Balaam (Rev. 2:14)
 - "Jezebel" (Rev. 2:20-21)
 - Neither should we (1 Cor. 5:6; Eph. 5:11)
 - Fellowship requires walking in the light (1 Jno. 1:5-7)

The Context Doesn't Cover

- Unacceptable practices
 - God doesn't fellowship those in doctrinal error (Gal. 1:6-9)
 - Examples:
 - Hymenaeus (1 Tim. 1:20)
 - Alexander and Philetus (2 Tim. 2:17)
 - Neither should we (2 Jno. 1:9-11)
 - Fellowship requires walking in the light (1 Jno. 1:5-7)

The Context Doesn't Cover

- Unacceptable practices
- Congregational matters
- Things that make up the kingdom
(Rom. 14:16-17)

Application

- Individuals can hold different convictions
- Individuals can disagree without it being sinful
- One can plead their case (convictions) as long as they don't bind them or judge (condemn) those who disagree
- One cannot exercise their personal liberties to the hurt of others
- Wrong to cause division over individual convictions
- We'll be judged on the convictions we hold
- Watch out for pride