

**"A PREVIEW OF WHAT IS ARGUABLY THE MOST
CONTROVERSIAL CHAPTER IN THE BIBLE"
ROMANS 14**

I. IF WE WOULD NAIL DOWN THE REASONS WHY CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCES DIFFER WE SHOULD BEGIN WITH A SUMMARY OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED IN CHRISTENDOM WITHIN THE LAST CENTURY

II. IF WE WOULD NAIL DOWN THE DEBATE WITHIN ROMANS 14 WE SHOULD CONTINUE BY DEFINING THE ISSUES

A. The Content Of The Debate Has Changed

1. What The Issues Were A Generation Ago
2. What The Issues Are Today

B. The Principles Of The Debate Have Not Changed

1. It Is Essential To Come Up With The Proper Definition Of The "Weak" Brother

- a. Who He Is Not
- b. Who He Is

(A Person With A Conscience That Condemns Him For Doing Certain Things That Are Not Inherently Wrong)

2. It Is Essential To Come Up With The Proper Identification Of Which Matters The First Century Christians Were Differing Over

- a. The Matters Which Are Not The Issue In Romans 14
- b. The Matters Which Are The Issue In Romans 14

i. Vegetarianism

ii. Holiday Observance

3. It Is Essential To Come Up With The Appropriate Contemporary Parallels To The Aforementioned First Century Issues

- a. What They Are Not

- b. What They Are
 - i. Issues Of Personal Conscience Based On Old Testament Laws Whose Application To New Testament Christianity Is Questionable
 - ii. Issues Of Personal Conscience Based On What We View To Be Biblical Principles Or Examples
- 4. It Is Essential To Come Up With Some Of The Legitimate Factors That Play An Important Part In The Whole Discussion
 - a. Temperament
 - b. Previous Moral Or Religious Tradition
 - c. Bad Experiences
 - d. The Effect Of The Thing On You Personally
 - e. The Amount Of Knowledge You Possess
 - f. The Objective Of Your Christian Life