

Sermon Outline: "Living With People Who Have A Different Opinion"

Romans 14:1-12

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Differences of opinion

Differences of opinion in Rome

- Meat lovers versus Vegetarian
- Which day?

Warning:

- Foolish and divisive arguments
- Judging a person's Christian faith by disputable matters

Our treatment of those who hold a different opinion

- Acceptance and patience
- Avoid contempt
- Disputable matters
- Each one is answerable to the Lord
- The need for discernment and judgement
- The Lord will judge

What will we do in response this week to someone who has a different opinion?

To ponder over a cuppa with a friend:

What differences of opinion have you experienced?

How have you responded when someone has held a different opinion?

In the Lord's eyes how are we to view someone who has a different opinion?

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1. What are some matters that are disputable and we can have a difference of opinion on?
2. What are some matters that are not disputable and we cannot have a difference of opinion on?
3. What are we instructed to do with those whose faith is weak?
4. What disputable matters were evident in Rome? Why do you think these matters had become disputable?
5. How are the mature in faith and the weak in faith to treat one another?
6. When have you been treated, because of a belief you held, with the action in question 5?
7. What reason are we given for not condemning one another? How does the illustration of the servant and his master help?
8. How do we become fully convinced of something in our own mind?
9. What point is Paul making in verses 6-8? How does this shed light on how we handle differences of opinion on disputable matters?
10. What reason are we given for Christ dying and returning to life? What can we expect at some point? What challenge does this bring for us when it comes to disputable matters and differences of opinion?
11. Is there anyone you have a difference of opinion with that you are in dispute? What steps have you taken to resolve the dispute?
12. Are all disputes and differences of opinion resolvable? Why or why not? What are some notable differences of opinion in the Bible?