

Romans 14:13 - 23

***Pursue Acceptance Rather
Than Rejection, part 2***



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Do Not Be A Stumbling Block



Typical Jewish Millstone

Stumbling Blocks

Matt. 11:6 - ***Jesus, Himself***

Gal. 5:11 - ***The Cross***

Rev. 2:14 - ***Improper teaching on sex***

Eph. 6:4 - ***Motivating others to anger***

1 Cor. 12:25 - ***Causing conflicts /divisions***

1 Cor. 8:13 - ***Careless eating of food***

***Conscience of
weaker brother
troubles him
over actions
that are
not sins.***



Review of Last Study

Romans 14:1 - 12

Commanded to accept fellow Christians:

- 1. Because God has accepted them.***
- 2. Because God is master of each saint.***
- 3. Because Christ is changing every saint.***
- 4. Christ will judge every Christian.***

Therefore . . .

Romans 14:13

Therefore, not **judge** one another . . . rather
determine



krino = “to judge another”

Therefore . . .

Romans 14:13

Therefore, not judge one another . . . rather determine this – not to put an **obstacle of a **stumbling block** . . .**

The Root Problem

Romans 14:14

- ***No food or drink is unclean***
- ***But, if some Christian thinks eating or drinking something is unclean, then it is unclean for them.***

The Warning

Romans 14:15

... If because your brother is hurt ...



lupeo ≡ “to be in state of
sadness or hurt”

How Shall We Live?

Romans 14:16-23

- ***Do not flaunt your freedom in Christ.***
- ***Restraining yourself brings God's acceptance.***
- ***Pursue peace.***
- ***Voluntarily limit your freedoms.***
- ***Yet, keep to your convictions***
- ***If you doubt something, do not do it.***

Therefore . . .

Romans 14:13

Forgiveness is to be . . .

- **Unconditional - Eph. 4:31-32**
- **Unilateral - Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60**