

Series on Romans for Airdrie Baptist Church, Autumn 2021

Session 11. Romans 14:1-15:33

A New Community in Good Conscience

In other letters to the churches, Paul rails against the Judaizers – the ones who insist that the Law of Moses is still in effect, even for Gentile Christians. And in this letter to the Romans he has strongly asserted that working for salvation by following the rules is striving in vain for what God gives freely by grace. God has satisfied the law in the gift of His Son. We now have no condemnation, God counts us as law-abiding citizens of His Kingdom.

But what about those times when one person's conscience draws a line, while another's convictions remain unruffled? Some people are uncomfortable and troubled by certain activities in which God has granted us freedom.

So as children of God freed from the penalty of falling short of the Law, the question can be asked: "How should Christians conduct themselves within the context of Gospel Fellowship? What does New Life look like in terms of personal liberty?"

A. Believers Are To Live Out Their New Life in Good Conscience 14:1-15:13

1. We are not to pass judgment on one another's' scruples 14:1-12
2. We are not to publicly, willfully violate another's scruples 14:13-23
3. We are to seek the best for others before ourselves 15:1-5
4. Accepting one another, we are to seek God's glory in all things 15:6-13

B. Summation: Paul Illustrates New Life Behavior 15:14-33

1. Paul, a Jew, seeks the benefit of salvation for the Gentiles 15:14-16
2. Paul, an insider, humbly seeks to find those who are outsiders 15:17-21
3. Paul sets aside his own goals to serve the saints in Judea 15:22-29
4. Paul illustrates hope, anticipates trials, but has courage 15:30-33