

## Romans 14 Listening Sheet

**Essential background:** Large, dynamic church of mostly Gentiles having occasional \_\_\_\_\_ with the minority Jews that threatened the \_\_\_\_\_ and progressive \_\_\_\_\_ of every believer.

The \_\_\_\_\_ in faith were overly rigid about certain practices and would judge others not like them, while the \_\_\_\_\_ despised these weaker brothers and held them in contempt.

Weak = \_\_\_\_\_ Christians who abstained from certain foods and observed special days like Sabbaths, Feasts, Fasting/Prayer days in loyalty to the Law of Moses and Jewish heritage/tradition. It's likely a few Gentiles sympathetic to Jewish ethics joined them.

Strong = \_\_\_\_\_ Christians + few "liberated" \_\_\_\_\_ Christians who ate whatever they wanted and ignored these special days, treating every day alike, living out their freedom in Christ from the ceremonial aspects of the Law of Moses.

**With that in mind, let's read chapter 14 and make observations.**

**Now, to better understand this chapter, let's read I Cor. 8**

### Romans 14 Outline:

- I. **Four Reasons not to \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ Your Brother/Sister (vv.1-12)**
  - a. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-4)
  - b. His \_\_\_\_\_ are right (vv.5-6)
  - c. He belongs to the Lord (vv.7-9)
  - d. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us all (vv.10-12)
    - i. Isa. 45:23
    - ii. 2 Cor. 5:10

Q: But what about church discipline?

- II. **Seven Rules of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13-23)**
  - a. Do not cause a brother to \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13)
  - b. Realize that understanding among Christians \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)
  - c. Prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ over being \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)
  - d. Keep the main thing the main thing (vv.16-18)
  - e. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ and edification not personal rights (vv.19-21)
  - f. Be convinced in your own \_\_\_\_\_ (v.22)
  - g. Never violate your \_\_\_\_\_ (v.23)

**For Discussion. What about ...**

- Christian Sabbath/Lord's Day debates
- Christmas and Easter social or family practices
- Social drinking
- Movies, music and reading
- Smoking
- Gambling
- Tats and piercings
- Masks and vaccines
- Others?