

Learning to Walk in Love

Sunday, May 15/22

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but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.
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Walking in Supportive Love (vs. 13, 20-21)

Walking in Confident Love (vs. 14a, 17-18, 22)

Walking in Faith-filled Love (vs. 14b, 23)

Walking in Edifying Love (vs. 15-16, 19)



Study and Discussion Questions:

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Open It

1. *Have you ever been truly offended by another Christian? How did you handle it?
What was the result?

Explore It

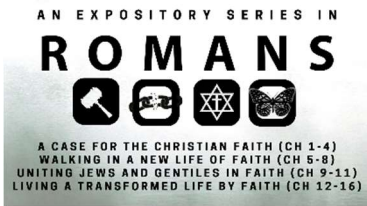
2. What should we do instead of judging fellow Christians? ([14:13](#))
3. What was Paul's personal belief about unclean foods? ([14:14](#))
4. What consideration should a Christian give to the opinions of fellow believers on controversial matters? ([14:14-15](#))
5. When should a Christian defer to another Christian's beliefs? ([14:15-16](#))
6. What is the true focus of the kingdom of God? ([14:17-18](#))
7. *What is a Christian's responsibility for building peace among the other believers? ([14:19-21](#))
8. How should concern for other believers affect our personal choices? ([14:21](#))

Get It

9. *What life-style rules and issues do Christians argue about today?
10. What responsibility do you have to be a good example for others?
11. How can Christians share a spirit of unity despite having different views on certain practices?
12. When we *are* around those whose faith is weak, what principles should guide our actions, and why?

Apply It

13. *If you are sure that something is acceptable (neither required nor forbidden), what considerations might make it wrong to do in certain circumstances?
14. Which of your own practices might distress or destroy another brother or sister in Christ? What practices offend you? Ask God for wisdom to know how to respond in these areas.



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Walking in Supportive Love (vs. 13, 20-21)

- ¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer,
but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.
- ²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.
- ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

Walking in Confident Love (vs. 14a, 17-18, 22)

- ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself,
but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.
- ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking
but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.
- ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God.
Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.

Walking in Faith-filled Love (vs. 14b, 23)

- ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself,
but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.
- ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats,
because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Walking in Edifying Love (vs. 15-16, 19)

- ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love.
By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.
- ¹⁶ *So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.*
- ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.