

Romans 14:10-23

Romans 14:10 - “Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;”

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10	Σὺ	δὲ ,	τί	κρίνεις	τὸν	ἀδελφόν	σου ,	ἢ	καὶ	σὺ	τί	ἐξουθενεῖς	τὸν	ἀδελφόν	σου ?
	you	however	why	judge you	the	brother	or you	or	also	you	why	do you despise	the	brother	of you
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pantes	gar	parastēsometha	tō	bēmati	tou	Theou
πάντες	γὰρ	παραστησόμεθα	τῷ	βήματι	τοῦ	Θεοῦ .
all	indeed	we will stand before	the	judgment seat	of	God
Adj-NMP	Conj	V-FIM-1P	Art-DNS	N-DNS	Art-GMS	N-GMS

- 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Bema seat or Judgment Seat of Christ
 - 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
 - NOT the Great White Throne judgment of Rev. 20:11-15

Romans 14:11 - “for it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’”

- Paul uses Isaiah 45:23 as his scriptural reference to build and support his position and doctrinal statements

Romans 14:12 - “So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

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ara	oun	hekastos	hēmōn	peri	heautou	logon	dōsei	tō	Theō	
12	ἄρα	οὖν ,	ἕκαστος	ἡμῶν	περὶ	ἑαυτοῦ ,	λόγον	δώσει	τῷ	Θεῷ .
	So	then	each	of us	concerning	himself	account	will give	-	to God
	Conj	Conj	Adj-NMS	PPro-G1P	Prep	RefPro-GM3S	N-AMS	V-FIA-3S	Art-DMS	N-DMS

- “Account” is from the Greek *logon* which comes from *logos* (word, rational expression) and in this form means “account” or “settlement”:
 - Matthew 12:36 -
 - Luke 16:2 -
 - Acts 19:40 -
 - Philippians 4:17 -
 - Hebrews 13:17 -
 - 1 Peter 3:15 -

- 1 Peter 4:5 -
- Paul's point for saying we must each give an account:
 - Each and every individual will stand before the Lord Jesus, their creator, to explain
 - The person you are judging will have to account to the Lord, not you.
 - The “strong” believer will have to explain to the Lord their position for judging the “weak” believer (or, vice versa)
 - The “strong” believer will have to explain to the Lord (not the weak believer) why they felt it was appropriate to eat and drink what they did and to do what they did on “holy days”

Romans 14:13 - “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.”

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Mēketi	oun	allēlous	krinōmen	alla	touto	krinate	mallon	to	mē	tithenai	proskomma	tō		
13 Μηκέτι	οὐν	ἀλλήλους	κρίνωμεν	;	ἀλλὰ	τοῦτο	κρίνατε	μᾶλλον	,	τὸ	μὴ	τιθέναι	πρόσκομμα	τῷ
No longer	therefore	one another	should we judge	but	this	determine	rather	-	not	to put	[any] stumbling block	before [your]		
Adv	Conj	RecPro-AMP	V-PSA-1P	Conj	DPro-ANS	V-AMA-2P	Adv	Art-ANS	Adv	V-PNA	N-ANS	Art-DMS		

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adelphō	ē	skandalon
ἀδελφῷ	, ἢ	σκάνδαλον .
brother	or	snare
N-DMS	Conj	N-ANS

- Romans 14:13-23 is focused on the “strong” not becoming a stumbling block to the “weak”
- The Christian’s freedom should be governed by the Christian’s love.
- This section (14:13-14:21):
 - begins and ends warning the “strong” not to cause the weak to stumble (14:13 and 14:21)
 - Stating twice that nothing is unclean (or, all things are clean) after the opening and right before the closing (14:14 and 14:20)
 - Providing theology and logic for this position in verses 14:15-20.
- Notice the Greek word “krino” (*krinomen* and *krinate*) is used for “judge” and “determine”
 - Point” instead of using your spiritual sensitivities and theological knowledge to “judge” believers, use them to “determine” your proper course of action with your fellow believers.
- “Stumbling block” is from *proskomma* - something that causes a person to trip
- “Snare” is from *skandalon* - a word that began to mean “spiritual downfall” during its use in the New Testament in every case (Matt. 13:41; Rom. 9:33; 1 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 5:11; 1 Peter 2:8; 1 John 2:10; Rev. 2:14, and more). The original meaning of *skandalon* is “cause of ruin”.

Romans 14:14 - “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.”

Romans 14:15 - “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.”

Romans 14:16 - “So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.”

Romans 14:17 - “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

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17 οὐ	γάρ	ἐστίν	ἡ	βασιλεία	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	βρώσις	καὶ	πόσις	;	ἀλλὰ	δικαιοσύνη	,	καὶ	εἰρήνη	,	καὶ
not	for	is	the	kingdom	-	of God	eating	and	drinking	but	righteousness	and	peace	and			
Adv	Conj	V-PIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	N-NFS	Conj	N-NFS	Conj	N-NFS	Conj	N-NFS	Conj			

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chara	en	Pneumati	Hagiō
χαρὰ	ἐν	Πνεύματι	Ἁγίῳ .
joy	in [the]	Spirit	Holy
N-NFS	Prep	N-DNS	Adj-DNS

Romans 14:18 - “Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.”

Romans 14:19- “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

Romans 14:20 - “Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.”

Romans 14:21 - “It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.”

Romans 14:22 - “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.

Romans 14:23 - “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.