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# Opinions

Romans 14:1-15:13

Part 3

## Background

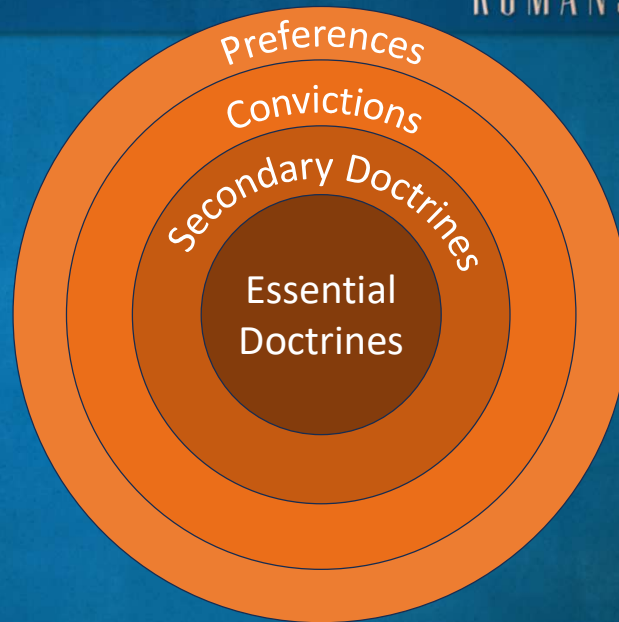
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- Who are “the weak” and “the strong”?
  - The Weak - primarily Jewish believers who continued to practice Jewish customs
  - The Strong - primarily Gentile believers who felt no obligation to practice these customs

# Acceptance

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- Areas of Difference:



# Sacrificial Service

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- Those who are “strong” should use that strength to serve the weak.
- Do not please yourself.
- Build others up.

## Sacrificial Service

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- Follow Christ's example of self-sacrifice.
- Find encouragement in the word of God.

## Unity and Acceptance

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- Even in our differences, God can bring about a mutual concern for one another that brings about his glory.
- We welcome those who think differently because Christ welcomes us.

# Unity and Acceptance

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- Christ became a servant of the Jews to unite humanity under God.
- This has always been God's plan.
  - Genesis 12:1-3
  - Psalm 18:49
  - Deuteronomy 32:43
  - Psalm 117:1
  - Isaiah 11:10

# Hope

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- All the nations can find hope in Christ.
- God will fill his people with joy and peace in order that they abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

# Opinions - Part 3

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- Principles for handling our differences:
  - Sacrificial Service
  - Unity
  - Acceptance
  - Hope