

“The Fight For Unity and Holiness — Understanding Our Conscience” (Part 2)
Romans 14:7-13

“Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord! He died not only to save us but to own us, not only to free us from sin but to enslave us to Himself.” (John MacArthur)

- *“None of us lives to himself or dies to himself....we both live and die to the Lord.”*
 - “We owe no one anything except to love each other.” (Romans 13:8)
 - “We are not our own, we have been bought with a price.” (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20)
 - “We have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God.” (Romans 6:22)
 - “We have been called to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.” (Romans 10:9)
 - What is the basis of a healthy Christian Community?
 - **Self-awareness:** It is a knowledge of why you are feeling and wanting to react in the way that you are desiring to. It is an understanding of how your words and actions will impact others before you say or do them (Matthew 6:9; James 1:19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:23-24; Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 25:11-12).
 - **Self-denial:** It is a submission to God’s authority/Jesus’ Lordship and to declare lifelong war on my instinctive self-importance (Philippians 2:3-4; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 16:24-25).
 - **Delayed Gratification:** The resistance of an immediate pleasure in the hope and belief of obtaining an eternal pleasure (Hebrews 11:25-26; Romans 14:21; Matthew 5:10-12; Psalm 16:11).
- *“Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or why do you despise your brother?”*
 - God alone has the ability to properly/perfectly judge our minds and our hearts. When we do judge, it must always be for the spiritual best interest/love of our brothers (Psalm 139:23-24; Jeremiah 17:9-10; Hebrews 4:12-13).
 - **Unrighteous Judgments:**
 - **Self-righteous judgment** (Matthew 7:1-5; Luke 18:11-12): A belief that you are righteous because of your actions and that others are condemned who are not like you. You don’t love sinners, you judge them.
 - **Hypocritical Judgment** (Romans 2:1-3): Judging others guilty when you participate in the exact same sins.
 - **Judging of someone’s conscience** (Romans 14:4 & 10-13): Judging someone as not saved or walking in sin based on their handling of issues of conscience (the God given ability to govern oneself by the use of reason/rational or to have caution because of danger or risk, and/or where there is no biblical obligation).
 - **Righteous Judgments:** (John 7:24; 1 Peter 4:8; Galatians 6:1; 2 Corinthians 12:20-21).
 - **Church Discipline/Judgment** (1 Corinthians 5:12-13; Matthew 18:15-18): Judging someone’s sin out of love for them, for the sake of restoration with other believers and for the sake of Christ.
 - **Judging False teachers** (1 John 4:1-6; Matthew 7:15; Galatians 1:6-9): False teaching biblically is judged by their teachings on Jesus, the Gospel, the Bible, and by their lives.
 - **Judging disputes between brothers** (1 Corinthians 6:1-8): This is where a brother helps two disputing Christians deal with an issue that could be dealt with through biblical wisdom.
 - **The Judgment Seat of Christ** (Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10).
 - Faithfully serving Christ (1 Corinthians 9:4-27).

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Worship: Glorious Day (Casting Crowns) All Creatures of Our God and King (Various Artists)
Turn Your Eyes (Sovereign Grace Music) **Closing Song:** Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me (The Gettys)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- Obeying the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Putting sin to death (Colossians 3:5; Romans 8:12-13; Romans 6:1-4).
- Controlling our tongues (James 2:12 & 3:1-12).

Announcements:

- **PASTOR APPRECIATION:** Throughout the month of October we are collecting a special offering for the Pastoral Staff for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give to that, please put your donation into an offering envelope (on the side of the offering box) and mark on the outside of the envelope: "Pastoral Staff Appreciation" OR give your donation on Venmo, making sure to note it is for the "Pastoral Staff Appreciation."
- **MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a Members Meeting on Sunday, November 14th, immediately following the worship service, to discuss the 2022 church budget. If you are a church member, please mark your calendars and plan to stay for that meeting.
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!