

**Honoring the Lordship of Christ
When Christians Disagree**
Romans 14:1-9 (p. #948-949 in Pew Bible)

Key words and phrases in this **section (14:1-15:13)**:

- “Welcome”
- “Weak” & “Strong”
- “Faith”
- “Despise” & “Judgment”
- “Master/Lord”
- “Thanks”
- “Brother”
- “Honor”

I. Christians will at times **disagree** on **non-sinful** things such as food and days. (14:2, 5)

II. Christians must not **sin** against one another by holding one another in **contempt** or refusing to **welcome** one another. (14:1, 3-4)

III. Christians must respect the truth of Jesus Christ’s **Lordship** in their mindset and actions towards one another. (14:6-9)

IV. Christians must submit their **preferences** and **convictions** to the Lordship of Jesus Christ with **thanksgiving**. (14:6-9)

Observations and **Application**

- *Jesus Christ always encourages, admonishes, and corrects His sheep in His perfect way and time because He is their Master, Lord, and Shepherd.*

- *Jesus Christ never surrenders or delegates His Lordship of His Church to the Church or to individual Christians. (14:10-12)*

- *Christians must watch out for one another with biblical truth, love, and grace.*

- *In matters of personal preference and conviction (as opposed to clear violations of Scripture), Christians must...*
 1. *...show grace to one another,*

 2. *...trust in Jesus Christ's perfect lordship over His Church and over individual Christians, and*

 3. *...make sure that their personal preferences/convictions are "done" for the Lord's glory (14:6a) and are "done" in thankfulness to God (14:6b).*

BIG IDEA: Christians must honor Jesus Christ's lordship by welcoming other Christians who belong to Him and who are seeking to biblically honor Him.