

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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*“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with **peace**. For there is **ONE** body and **ONE** Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.”*

– from Ephesians 4:3-4

## So who's right 'n' who's wrong?



### Romans 14:1-23, 15:1, 5-7 NLT

<sup>1</sup> “Accept other believers who are weak in **faith**, and don't **argue** with them about what they think is right or wrong. <sup>2</sup> For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive **conscience** will eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not **condemn** those who do, for **God** has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will **judge** whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's **help**, they will stand and receive His approval.

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, some think one day is more **holy** than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. <sup>6</sup> Those who **worship** the Lord on a special day do it to honor Him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give **thanks** to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to **please** the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> *For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves.* <sup>8</sup> If we live, it's to **honor** the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

<sup>10</sup> So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will **ALL** stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For the Scriptures say, 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every **knee** will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.' [from Isaiah 45 & 49]

<sup>12</sup> Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. <sup>13</sup> So let's stop condemning each other. **Decide** instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to **stumble** and fall.

<sup>14</sup> I know and am convinced on the **authority** of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is **wrong**. <sup>15</sup> And if another believer is distressed by what you eat, you are not acting in **love** if you eat it. Don't let your eating **ruin** someone for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup> Then you will not be criticized for doing something you believe is good. <sup>17</sup> *For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of **goodness and peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit.* <sup>18</sup> If you **serve** Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too. <sup>19</sup> So then, let us aim for **harmony** in the church and try to build each other up.

<sup>20</sup> Don't **tear** apart the work of God over what you eat. Remember, all foods are **acceptable**, BUT it is wrong to eat something if it makes another person stumble. <sup>21</sup> It is better **not** to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else **if** it might cause another believer to stumble.

<sup>22</sup> You may believe there's nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself and God. Blessed are those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right. <sup>23</sup> But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you **are** sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are **sinning**.

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong must be **considerate** of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just **please** ourselves.....<sup>5</sup> May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in **complete** harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

<sup>6</sup> Then all of you can join **together** with one voice, giving praise and **glory** to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, **accept** each other just as Christ has accepted **you** so that GOD will be given glory.”