



Lesson 12 “When We Disagree” Teacher: Beth Seifert

Read Romans 14:1. What types of matters are we not to quarrel about?

Read Romans 14:2-8. Paul lists some “disputable” matters here for us. (Verses 2-3, 5-6) Who are we to do everything for?

Read Romans 14:10-13. To whom will we all have to give an account?

Paul is speaking very specifically here about “disputable matters”. Some things that fall under this heading in our world today would be things like: “Homeschool verses Public or Private school”; “standards of television/media viewing”; “Does modesty mean women must always wear a skirt?”; “Should communion include wine or is grape juice okay?” etc. These are things we are to consider and to test and approve, but even if there is a more spiritually mature way to answer these, these fall under “non-salvation issues”. Trying to force a less mature believer to “grow up” and see things as more mature believers do is harmful to everyone. God leads us all into the truth in the way He wants us to know it, in the time He wants us to know it, and we are all at different points in our walk with Him. We must have grace with each other and continue to come alongside each other so we may grow and be able to “chew” the “meat” He gives us, and not remain spiritual infants.

Read Romans 12:1-3. By what are we to be transformed? What is the result of this transformation?

How are we to think of ourselves?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-6, Galatians 6:1-10 and Philippians 1:9-11. What are we to test and discern?

Why?

Spend some time today praying the words of the Psalmist back to our Father. Read Psalm 19:7-14 and Psalm 119:125 as a prayer to your Father, that you, too may delight in His commands and be forgiven and brought closer to His will.