



A STUDY OF ROMANS

#18: NAVIGATING THE GRAY AREAS—14:1-23

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HOW TO NAVIGATE THE GRAY AREAS OF MY FAITH

I. ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER (v.1-12)

Four reasons why I must accept others:

- 1. God accepted me (v.1-3)**

- 2. Only the Lord has the right to judge His servants (v.4)**

- 3. Jesus is the Lord—not me (v.5-9)**

- 4. Jesus is the final judge—not me (v.10-12)**

In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.

Augustine of Hippo

II. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (v.13-23)

Three ways that I can do this:

1. Stop condemning and start caring (v.13-15)

2. Get my priorities straight (v.16-21)

3. I must not force my opinion on others (v.22-23)

I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17:20-21 (NLT)