

Studies In Romans

(Romans 14:10-15)

1. In regard to these liberties, were they judging one another wrongfully?

Yes: "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10).

- Again, as we saw in **Romans 14:4**, we cannot judge one another regarding authorized liberties (**Colossians 2:12-17**).
- Meats do not matter to God (**I Corinthians 8:8** and **Hebrews 13:9**).

2. While we cannot judge our brethren in regard to authorized liberties, are there ever times wherein we must judge one another?

- If causing another to stumble (**Romans 14:13**).
- Sin against one another (**Matthew 18:15-17** and **Luke 17:3-4**).
- Disciplinary action (**I Corinthians 5:1-13** and **II Thessalonians 3:6-15**).
- Regarding what one is teaching (**Romans 16:17-18**, **I Corinthians 10:15**, **I Corinthians 11:13-15**, **I Timothy 1:19-20**, **I Timothy 6:3-5**, **II Timothy 2:14-18**, and **I John 4:1-5**).
- Civil matters (**I Corinthians 6:1-8**).
- When trying to restore the erring (**Galatians 6:1-2** and **James 5:19-20**).
- When a brother or sister is a source of division (**Galatians 2:10-17**, **II Timothy 4:14-17**, **Titus 3:9-11**, and **III John 9-11**).
- When deciding to help a brother or sister in need (**I Corinthians 16:1-4**, **II Thessalonians 3:10**, and **I Timothy 5:3-16**).
- When counting a brother faithful (**Philippians 3:16-17**).
- Self-examination (**I Corinthians 4:3**, **I Corinthians 11:27-32**, and **II Corinthians 13:5**).
- We must judge RIGHTEOUS judgment (**John 7:24** and **John 8:15**).

3. Whose judgment seat will we stand before in the Judgment?

Christ's: "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10).

- **Matthew 25:31-34**, **John 5:22**, **Acts 10:38-42**, and **II Corinthians 5:10**.

4. How many will bow to Jesus during the Judgment?

Every knee: "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God" (Romans 14:11).

- **Philippians 2:10-11**.

5. Will we have to give an account of our actions in the Judgment?
Yes: *“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God”* (**Romans 14:12**).

- **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, John 5:28-29, Acts 17:30-31, II Corinthians 5:10, and II Timothy 4:1.**

6. What should you not put in your brother’s way?

A stumblingblock or occasion to fall: *“Let us not therefore judge one another any more:but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way”* (**Romans 14:13**).

- **I Corinthians 8:9-13, I Corinthians 10:27-33, and II Corinthians 6:1-4.**
- That does not mean that you don’t point out when a brother is falling (**Matthew 16:21-23, Acts 8:13-24, I Timothy 5:20, and Titus 1:13**).
- The truth is, sometimes the right action will be offensive to sinful people (**Matthew 13:54-57**).

7. Though nothing is unclean, contextually in regard to meats, what if someone is not convinced of that in his or her own mind?

For them it is unclean: *“I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean”* (**Romans 14:14**).

- Nothing unclean (**Acts 10:9-16** and **I Timothy 4:1-5**; cf. **Titus 1:15**).
- Be persuaded before you act (**Romans 14:23**).

8. What if a brother is grieved by you eating certain meats?

Don’t destroy him with your eating that certain meat: *“But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died”* (**Romans 14:15**).

- Back to what we discussed in **Romans 14:13**. Don’t cause thy brother to fall over an authorized liberty.
- Be loving enough to be concerned about your brother’s conscience (**Romans 12:10** and **Galatians 5:13**).
- Don’t destroy him (**Malachi 2:8-9** and **Matthew 18:6-7**).