# The Book of Romans How to be Right with God

### Romans 15:1-13

#### The Practical Application from our Justification:

### Romans 14:1—15:13

# "Living our Liberty"

## In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity!

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Modern Issues of "Liberty"?

"Open Areas"...not "Doubtful Things" The Importance of Christian Liberty!

#### Christian Liberty...the Parties Involved

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#### Instructions to all:

- •Recognize and Submit to the Lordship of Christ!, 4, 7-8, 9-12.
- •Don't judge your brother!, 4, 12
- •Keep your priorities straight, 17-18.
- •Follow your own conscience and faith, 2, 5, 22-23

#### Instructions to the Stronger Brother:

- •Do not look down on the weaker brother, 3.
- •Don't cause your brother to stumble, 13-15, 20-21. (Cf. 1 Cor. 8:11.)
- •Pursue peace and edification, not selfish "will," 19.
- •Be willing to give up a "right" for the sake of your brother, 1 Cor. 8:13

#### Instructions to the Weaker Brother:

- •Do not judge your brother, 3-4.
- Develop and abide by your own convictions, 5, 22.
- •Pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another, 19.



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