

Romans

Lesson 20: Romans 14:13-23

While the Bible has clear commands that are black and white, there are also some things which we call gray areas. These are areas that the Bible neither commands nor condemns. This is where Christian liberty comes in. As Christians who are under the New Covenant, we have the freedom to enjoy all the good gifts God has given us to enjoy. However, we must never use our freedom to cause another believer to sin but must do all things with a heart of love and concern for our fellow Christian brothers and sisters. All believers, whether strong or weak, have a responsibility to live in mutual submission and refrain from judging one another's personal convictions. In Romans 14:13–23, Paul gives several principles that serve to help the body of Christ grow. Let's dive in and see what Paul has to say about Christian liberty and building up the church.

Read Romans 14:13–15			
1.	According to verse 13, what are the two negative commands Paul gives?		
2.	In verse 14, why does Paul tell the Romans he is "convinced in the Lord Jesus"? According to Acts 10:9–16, why would Paul be convinced of this?		
3.	In verse 14, what is Paul convinced of?		

4. According to verse 14, what reason does Paul give for not judging another believer?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 8:4–7. According to Romans 14:14, who is the person who "thinks anything to be unclean"?

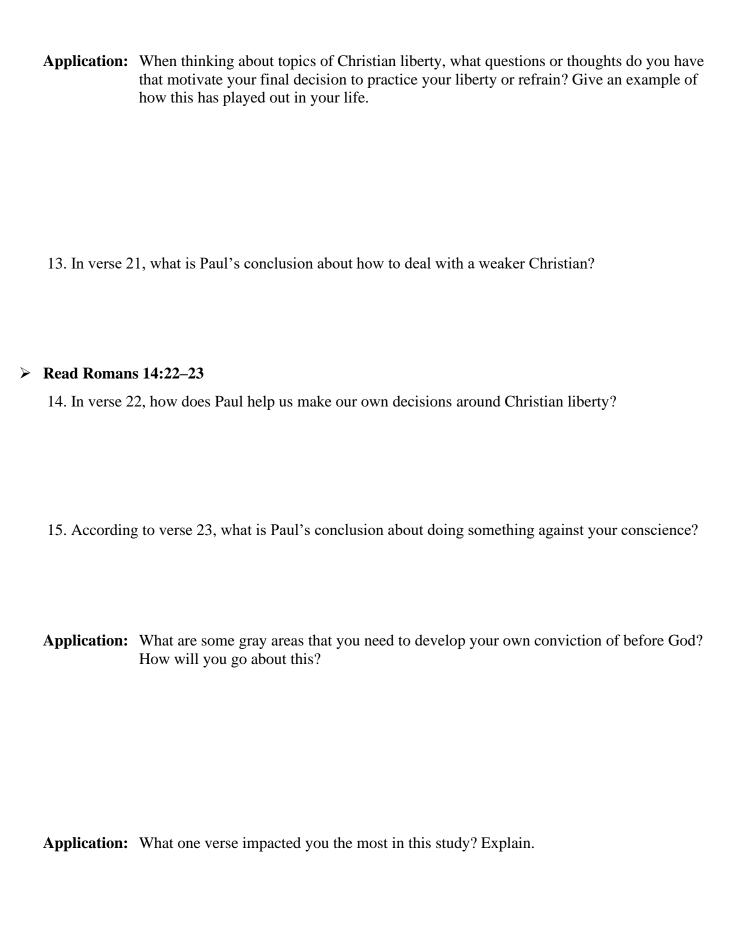
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6.	According	g to verse 15, what should control our Christian liberties?	
7.		g to verse 15, when Christian liberty is practiced without love for your brother or sister in nat is the result?	
Ap	oplication:	What are some ways you can practice love toward brothers and sisters who have different personal convictions than you? Is this a struggle for you? Why or why not?	
Read Romans 14:16–21			
8.	According	g to verse 16, although Christian liberty is good, how can it also be bad?	
9.	According	g to verse 17, how does Paul describe the kingdom of God?	
10	. In verse 1	8, to what does Paul equate giving up your personal freedoms in Christ?	
11.	. In verse 1	9, what is the goal for believers when it comes to issues of Christian liberty?	
12.	. According	g to verse 20, how does a person's Christian liberty turn into sin?	

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