



## Pursue Peace

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**Romans 14:5-20** (ESV) One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, **we are the Lord's**. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 Why do you **pass judgment** on your brother? Or you, why do you **despise** your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11 for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us will give an account of **himself** to God.

13 Therefore **let us not** pass judgment on one another any longer, **but rather decide** never to put **a stumbling block or hindrance** in the way of a brother. 14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. 15 For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, **do not destroy the one** for whom Christ died. 16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating & drinking but of **righteousness & peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**. 18 Whoever **thus** serves Christ is acceptable to God & approved by men. 19 So then let us **pursue** what makes for **peace & for mutual upbuilding**. 20 Don't, for the sake of food, destroy the **work** of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.

**Romans 12:18** (ESV) 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Luke 6:12** (ESV) In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. (*whole night praying before choosing disciples*)

**Matthew 14:23** (ESV) And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

**Luke 22: 41-42** (ESV) 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." (*praying before arrest, torture and crucifixion*)

**Isaiah 32:17-18** (ESV) 17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. 18 My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.