

## THE GRACE OF GOD – PART V

### “Grace in Disputable Matters”

#### Romans 14:1-6

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There are many things that brothers & sisters in Christ can disagree on! In any church people in attendance may come from different theological backgrounds, some root for the Raiders others cheer for the 49ers. There are Republicans, Democrats and Independents. Some maintain different views of climate change and immigration. Everybody has opinions on issues that differ from the people they worship with. In an environment like this how do we peacefully coexist with each other? It all boils down to giving grace to those who see things differently than we do!

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#### #1. WHAT IS A DISPUTABLE MATTER?, v. 1

- A. Any *practice* that the Bible doesn't clearly address
- B. A *doctrinal* matter that is unclear
- C. Attempt to use Biblical principles that can give guidance

#### #2. WHAT WERE THE DISPUTABLE MATTERS AT ROME?, vv. 2-6

- A. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, v. 2
- B. One man's faith allows him to eat veggies only, v. 2
- C. One man considers a day more sacred than another, v. 5
- D. One man considers every day alike, v. 5
- E. Each one honors God through his practice, v. 3-4, 6

#### THE PRIMARY QUESTIONS

- ♣ What are examples of modern-day disputable matters?
- ♣ What happens when two people consult Scripture but arrive at different conclusions?
- ♣ How do people worship Christ amid great diversity while retaining unity?

#### #3. WHO IS THE WEAKER BROTHER?, v. 1

- A. Their conscience doesn't permit them to engage in certain activities even though they are Biblical, 1 C 8:7, 12
- B. The eating of meat sacrificed to idols, 1 Cor 8:1
- C. The conscience is a God-given moral guide
- D. The conscience is subject to error
- E. They don't have liberty in Christ to do certain things

#### #4. WHO IS THE STRONGER BROTHER?, Ro 15:1

- A. A believer whose conscience allows them to engage in a practice without condemnation
- B. A believer whose conscience is in line with Scripture
- C. A believer who has liberty in Christ, 1 C 8:11

#### CONCLUSIONS

- ♣ The strong must accept the weaker brother, Rom 15:1 & 7
- ♣ They must not judge each other, Ro 14:10 & 13
- ♣ The strong must give grace to the weak
- ♣ The strong must give up his rights for the benefit of the weak, Ro 14:15, 21, 1 C 8:13

## MY GRACE METER

### WHAT LEVEL OF GRACE DO YOU GIVE IN DISPUTES?

No Grace

Much Grace

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What was the composition of the church at Rome?
- #2. What does Paul mean by the term “weak” or “weaker brother?”
- #3. What does Paul mean by the term “strong” or “stronger brother?”
- #4. What is a disputable matter? What were the disputable matters at Rome?
- #5. Give some examples of modern-day disputable matters that Christians face?
- #6. Discuss the role that conscience plays in disputable matters. Refer to 1 Corinthians 8:7-13, 2 Tim 4:1-2
- #7. Why is it important for the strong and the weak not to judge each other?
- #8. Why is the onus of the passage on the stronger brothers and sisters? (refer to 1 Cor 8:12-13)
- #9. What does Paul mean by stumbling block (Rom 14:13, 1 Cor 8:9)
- #10. How do you score on the Grace Meter when it comes to disputable matters?
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# *Hillcrest Church Welcomes You!*

## *GIVING GOD OUR BEST – 2021!*

Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ  
God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

*September 12, 2021*

*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## **ANNCOUCEMENTS**

### **JOIN US ONLINE FOR**

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday study & Prayer at 6:30. Click the “online meeting room” link on the home page of the website [Hillcrestroseville.com](http://Hillcrestroseville.com)

### **FACILITY**

The transformation of our facility continues. Special thanks to Robert Kraft for his help.

### **YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Pastor Bruce is a certified Yoga instructor and will be offering a class every Saturday at 10:00 and another class during the week. Time to be announced

### **THE EAST INDIAN DINNER**

I am pleased to report that the total amount raised was \$8,044.  
\$4,022 each to the GCF and the Uganda School  
YTD outside the Indian Dinner for Uganda School \$1,400  
YTD total for the Uganda school \$5,422  
YTD total for the GCF \$9,815  
**YTD total for missions combined \$15,237**

### **PASTOR TIM BROOKS**

Will bring the message September 26<sup>th</sup>, in Bruce’s absence. We are pleased to welcome Tim to the pulpit.

### **HELP WITH MEDIA**

If you would like to help with the sound system and/or media please let Aaron, Johanna, or DJ know and we can train you.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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