
THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: **Our Struggle to Live Right in a Wrong World pt2**

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How Do We Deal with Doctrinal and Cultural Differences Among Believers?

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.

"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. **Let there be no divisions in the church.** Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose." *1 Corinthians 1:10, NLT*

"... I found it necessary to write appealing to you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." *Jude 3-4, ESV*

On Issues of Faith and Culture

We Either:

Receive it

Reject it

Redeem it

Principles to Guide the Church

1. **Be Fully Convinced** *v5b*

Correct Theology and Beliefs Are Only Significant If We Are
Living Them Through a Life of Faith

2. **Don't Be a Stumbling Block or Hindrance in Someone Else's Faith** *vs 13-18*

In the Non-Essentials We Want Love and Respect
In the Essentials of Faith, We Want Unity

I Contend for The Faith on The Things That
Are Essential to The Faith

3. **Pursue What Makes for Peace and For Mutual Upbuilding** *v19-22*

Active and Consistent Movement to
Obtain Something Important to God

We Are a People Who Build Others Up
and Not Tear Them Down

4. **Whatever Does Not Proceed from Faith Is Sin** *vs23*

I Am Not Yet What We Will Be, But Is What I Am Now Really
My Honest Effort to Glorify Christ By the Way I Live?

5. **I Want To be Contributing to The Spiritual Growth of Others** *15:1-6*

Life Now Is Not About Me, But Building Up Others So That Then,
As Many as Possible Might Share in God's Glory

