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LIMIT LIBERTY FOR THE SAKE OF LOVE

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The gospel has the power to set free believers from sin (Romans 6:7, 18). They have been given freedom, not to live the way they want to live, but to freely love others as Christ has loved them (Romans 12:9a; 13:8a).

In Romans 14:1-15:13, Paul addressed the issue of exercising Christian conduct where God has no specific prescriptions. The strong and weak believers must accept one another (14:1; 15:7). They must respect each other's convictions pertaining to social customs which are not in direct contradiction to God's Word (14:2-12). The strong must limit the exercise of Christian liberty for the benefit of the weak (14:13-23). And the strong must help the weak believers be strengthened in their faith (15:1-13).

Since everyone will be held accountable by God, Paul exhorted the strong in the faith not to cause the weaker believer to sin by compromising his own principles and violating his conscience. If by his conduct, the strong causes distress to others, he does not reflect the love of Christ. In the kingdom of God, the matter of food and

drink are not essential issues. What matters is the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit that enables the believer to live a life pleasing to God with peace and joy in his heart (Romans 14:13-18).

Paul commanded the strong to live in peace with fellow believers and to build up each other. They must be mindful to limit their Christian liberty so as not cause others to stumble. In terms of personal convictions, a believer must keep it between himself and God. A clear conscience should govern how one should conduct himself (Romans 14:19-23).

In this sermon, we will learn how to limit the exercise of Christian liberty for the sake of love. ✱



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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