

Based on the preaching from Sunday the **18th of October** 'The Kingdom: a matter of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit'

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Sermon Text: **Romans 14:13-23**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- Christians can disagree about almost everything! There are some things that are essential and many more others that are what Paul calls 'disputable matters'.
- Essentials would include the central truths of Christian faith – these are mostly summarised in the creeds (Apostle's and Nicene creeds) and certain moral behaviours clearly taught in scripture that are the fruit of the new birth.
- On disputable matters about which Christians might disagree the attitude of heart toward one another is to be one of love and acceptance.
- Both those stronger and weaker in faith are to not judge the other, which is often a symptom of self-righteousness (Matt 7:1-5)
- Also, the stronger are to limit their freedom and not put stumbling blocks in the way of weaker brothers and sisters.



Bible Study: The Swedish Method **[Romans 14:13-23]**

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for and taking note of the following four things:



Lightbulb: This should be something that 'shines' from the passage- whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for the readers life.

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