**Romans 14 Listening Sheet**

**Essential background:** Large, dynamic church of mostly Gentiles having occasional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the minority Jews that threatened the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and progressive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of every believer.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_ in faith were overly rigid about certain practices and would judge others not like them, while the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ despised these weaker brothers and held them in contempt.

Weak = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christians who abstained from certain foods and observed special days like Sabbaths, Feasts, Fasting/Prayer days in loyalty to the Law of Moses and Jewish heritage/tradition. It’s likely a few Gentiles sympathetic to Jewish ethics joined them.

Strong = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christians + few “liberated” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christians who ate whatever they wanted and ignored these special days, treating every day alike, living out their freedom in Christ from the ceremonial aspects of the Law of Moses.

**With that in mind, let’s read chapter 14 and make observations.**

**Now, to better understand this chapter, let’s read I Cor. 8**

**Romans 14 Outline:**

1. **Four Reasons not to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Brother/Sister (vv.1-12)**
   1. He’s a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-4)
   2. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are right (vv.5-6)
   3. He belongs to the Lord (vv.7-9)
   4. God will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us all (vv.10-12)
      1. Isa. 45:23
      2. 2 Cor. 5:10

Q: But what about church discipline?

1. **Seven Rules of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13-23)**
   1. Do not cause a brother to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.13)
   2. Realize that understanding among Christians \_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)
   3. Prioritize \_\_\_\_\_\_ over being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)
   4. Keep the main thing the main thing (vv.16-18)
   5. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and edification not personal rights (vv.19-21)
   6. Be convinced in your own \_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.22)
   7. Never violate your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.23)

**For Discussion. What about …**

# Christian Sabbath/Lord’s Day debates

# Christmas and Easter social or family practices

* Social drinking
* Movies, music and reading
* Smoking
* Gambling
* Tats and piercings
* Masks and vaccines
* Others?