



Ordinary Time



Welcome the person who is weak in faith—
but not in order to argue about differences
of opinion. One person believes in eating
everything, while the weak person eats only
vegetables.

Romans 14:1-12; *CEB*

Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don't, and the ones who don't eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them.

Romans 14:1-12; *CEB*

Who are you to judge someone else's servants? They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand). One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same.

Romans 14:1-12; *CEB*

Each person must have their own convictions. Someone who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don't eat, don't eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too.

Romans 14:1-12; *CEB*

We don't live for ourselves and we don't die for ourselves. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Romans 14:1-12; *CEB*

This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister? We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:1-12; *CEB*

Because it is written,

*As I live, says the Lord,
every knee will bow to me,
and every tongue
will give praise to God.*

So then, each of us will give an account of
ourselves to God.

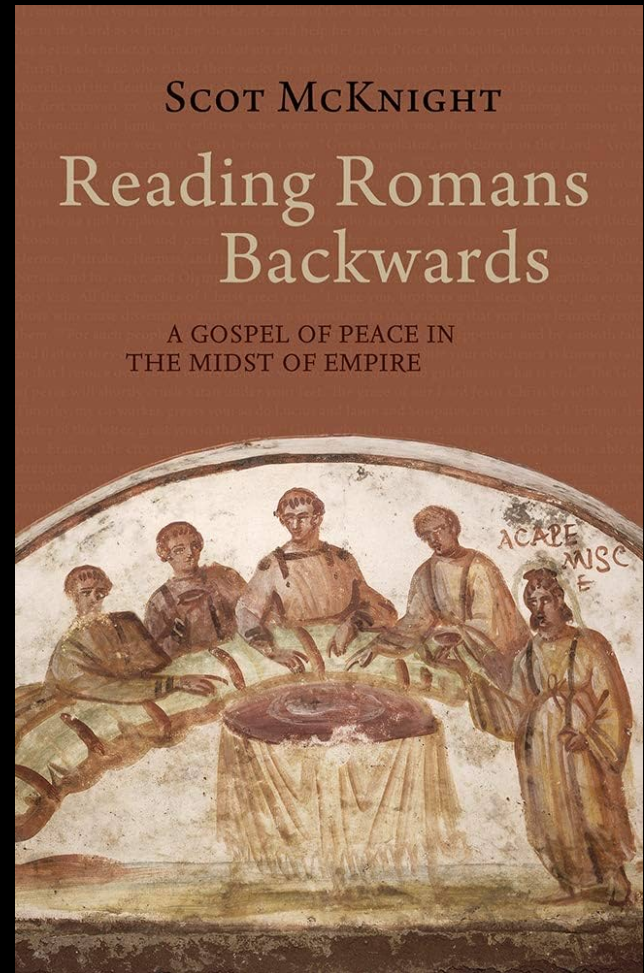
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"To define Weak and Strong, we need to start with Paul's mission, which was to establish churches in the Roman Empire made up of Jews and Gentiles, slaves and the free, males and females, Scythians and barbarians. In the providential plans of God, the church was the Body of Christ that expanded Israel's borders to include Gentiles in the one true family of God under the world's one true Lord, King Jesus."

-Scot McKnight



LIFE TOGETHER

A discussion of Christian fellowship by
DIETRICH BONHOEFFER



"The Christian, however, must bear the burden of a brother. He must suffer and endure the brother. It is only when he is a burden that another person is really a brother and not merely an object to be manipulated. The burden of men was so heavy for God Himself that He had to endure the Cross. God verily bore the burden of men in the body of Jesus Christ. But He bore them as a mother carries her child, as a shepherd enfolds the lost lamb that has been found. God took men upon Himself and they weighted Him to the ground, but God remained with them and they with God. In bearing with men God maintained fellowship with them. It was the law of Christ that was fulfilled in the Cross. And Christians must share in this law."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks— Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

-1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (CEB)

