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Unit III: God's Eternal Reign
Subject: Build Up One Another
Text: Romans 14: 10-23

Key Verse:

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Romans 14: 19, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Judge Self (Romans 14: 10-13)
- 2) Consider Others (Romans 14: 14-19)
- 3) Focus Faith (Romans 14: 20-23)

Introduction

There should be a deep desire for the people of this world to love one another. JESUS CHRIST said, “**A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**” We need the kind of love that embraces others with the warm, generous love of JESUS CHRIST, that builds one another up instead of tearing one another down. It has been said in the Holy Bible that men love darkness (evil) rather than light (love), because their deeds were evil (Read John 3: 19). We need the love of JESUS CHRIST to be shown in us, in order for believers to be able to build up one another in this world, because without faith in JESUS CHRIST we cannot express true and generous love.

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Lesson Pointer # 1

- Judge Self (Romans 14: 10-13)

Paul tells us that we all have to answer to GOD for whatever we do, and that we should not worry about what other people are doing, in other word, do not judge your brother (Romans 14: 10). Now, it is important to know that every believer should not put themselves as higher monitors of others spiritual growth. Believers are to trust GOD'S ability to lead everyone according to HIS (GOD'S) will (Romans 14: 11-12). As believers we are to stop putting or passing judgment on one another, but to make up our minds that we will not put a stumbling block before a brother or sister (Romans 14: 13). The believers primary concern should be to please GOD, and not to judge or condemn others, but to know our role and let GOD handle HIS business.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Consider Others (Romans 14: 14-19)**

Paul now teaches and tells his readers that each should honor and respect the other's convictions, simply put, believers ought not to do anything in the presence of another believer that would cause him or her to violate their convictions and to feel distressed (Romans 14: 14). So, if thou brother or sister be distressed because of what you eat, do not destroy his faith because of what you eat because it is JESUS CHRIST who died for him/her (Romans 14: 15). So, by doing this, no one can speak evil of what is counted good (Romans 14: 16). As mature believers, we are to understand that GOD'S Kingdom is not a matter of eating or drinking but of love, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14: 17). Believers in JESUS CHRIST are to accept other believers without judging, and to make every effort to choose the paths that blesses others and promotes peace (Romans 14: 18-19).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **Focus Faith (Romans 14: 20-23)**

Paul goes on to say that GOD has joined the body of CHRIST as one extended community to serve one another in love. You see, the good that one does can be a blessing to others. Because all things indeed are pure, but it is evil for us to offend another by what we say or do, for if it offense your brother, then one should not do it (Romans 14: 20). It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, or anything that may cause your brother to stumble or causes him or her to be offended (Romans 14: 21). Now, what ever one believe about these things let him keep it between him and GOD, for blessed is the one who do not condemn himself in the things which he allows (Romans 14: 22). Now, if a person indulge in things that causes their heart to feel guilt or convicted, that person should avoid it, because it can cause that person to act outside of the love and faith in GOD (Romans 14: 23). Believers who are saints should seek to please GOD, walking in faith and love without looking down on someone else.

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Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) **GOD expects HIS children to love and to support one another spiritually.**
- 2) **When believers insult each other's actions, it causes ones appeal to witness to the world unappealing.**
- 3) **Loving each other and serving together requires mutual patience, sacrifice, understanding and acceptance of one another strengths and weaknesses.**
- 4) **Believers are expected to seek those things that are pleasing to GOD.**

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