

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
JULY 09, 2017**

**"SERMON IN A BAG: Disputable Matters"
Romans 14:1-8**

"Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

A. Our object for this morning is a _____
There were a LOT of directions that we could have pursued with this object, but I was led to this text and I knew this was the message for us today.

The simple fact is that we are all _____

And as Oswald Chambers once wrote, "Let God be as original with other people as He is with you." Every other Christian

A brief word about moral absolutes VS. disputable matters -

B. In our text, Paul identifies two opposing groups as well as God's design for them to "get along".

1. First he lists "the one whose faith is weak". This is the one...

2. Second, is the one who can "eat anything". This is the one...

What we always need to remember that, _____

And friends, _____
(Ps. 133:1; John 17:20-23; Eph. 4:3; 1 Pet. 3:8)

C. What guidance, then, does God's Word give us so that we can put this grand truth into practice in our fallen world?

1. If you are one "whose faith is weak": Do not _____

2. If you are one whose faith is "strong": Do not _____

3. ALL of us should...

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____ (v.19)

"This morning, let's commit ourselves to obey Christ, to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in each one of our lives; and, as we do, to accept one another and to maintain our unity!"