

Right for One is the Ruin of Another

Romans 14:13-23

(series #90)

Introduction: the difficulty of this passage

- because it teaches that some things are wrong for some people but not wrong for others
- because of the cultural issues involved
- because it primarily revolved around Jewish Christians

I. **Don't cause your brother to fall v. 13**

- A. Paul is not talking about people's preferences or dislikes
- B. He is talking about leading someone to violate conscience

II. **The example of food v. 14**

- A. The Old Testament dietary laws are no longer an issue
 - Acts 10
- B. But, if your conscience bothers you, it is wrong for you

III. **Walk in love v. 15**

IV. **Major on the major issues vv. 16-17**

V. **Pursue building up others vv. 18-19**

- I Corinthians 8:1

VI. **Don't weaken your brother vv. 20-21**

VII. **Summary principles: vv. 22-23**

- A. Don't flaunt your freedom before the weaker brother
- B. Don't violate your conscience

Concluding illustration: the issue of drinking wine