

Noticeboard

Volunteers STILL Needed

Oasis Kids and Oasis need more leaders due to an increase in the number of children attending. Just one or two weeks a month (term time only) for the following times please get in touch with Emma or Tony. Friday's: Oasis Kids 4.45-6.30pm
Oasis: 6.45pm - 9.15pm

Our next Church

Members Meeting will take place on Tues Feb 28th. At this meeting we need to appoint a new treasurer following Justin's stepping down due to work commitments. Nominations must be in by TODAY Sunday 19th

Women's World Day of Prayer

Praying for the Philippines Friday 3rd March 2017 from 10.30am at Falmouth Methodist Church on the Moor Refreshments afterwards

ALL ARE WELCOME

HELP

Food for Thought

This Thurs 23rd Feb at 2.30pm. Guest Speaker is Revd Pat Whittaker

Foodbank needs are:

- * Tinned tomatoes
- * Tinned potatoes
- * Long Life whole milk
- * Men's toiletries
- * Shampoo
- * Soap
- * Toilet Rolls

If you are not receiving emails from Emmanuel and wish to, please let the office know and we can add you to our mailing list!

Craftea are Meeting again

THIS Tues afternoon 21st Feb 2-4pm in the front foyer area of the church. You are welcome to join us with your craft for a chat with tea and cake

Sunday 26th February

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

Main Door Barry Woodward

Inner Door Zoe Symons & Nathan Offord

Easy Worship Sue Wilson

Coffees Before Service Gillian Pringle & Hazel Evans

After Service Bryan & Hazel Green

Sunday 19th February 2017

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Parent and Baby Room available with a visual link to the service.
Nippers: Age 2-4 (Parents please collect your children at 12:00).
Buzz: Reception to Year 6
Salt: Year 7 and up (meets in the Power House)

Prayer Ministry

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team wear ministry badges. Please speak to one of them if you would like prayer for any reason.

The Church office

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Sermon outline notes: Romans 14: to 15:1 -The Weak and the Strong

Introduction

In this chapter Paul gives teaching on how to deal with secondary issues concerning the Christian faith, what he calls disputable matters—that is matters which are not about fundamental doctrine, but matters upon which Christians may disagree.

1) The Issues Involved-

- a) Food—should they eat meat that had previously been offered to idols? This was probably a gentile Christian issue.
- b) Observance of special days—This was probably a Jewish Christian issue.

2) Paul Says Three Things

- 1) He insists that those who have conscientious objections to perfectly legitimate things must be aware of the irrationality of their position. He does this in verse 2 and verse 14.
- 2) There must not be recriminations on either side, see verse 3. Paul realises such disputes can divide as both sides can disparage the other and 'look down' on them in a critical manner. Paul gives three reasons why there be acceptance and no recriminations:-
 - a) We have no right to judge, verses 10-11. We are accountable to Jesus and he is the judge
 - b) There is a legitimate area of private opinions within the Christian life, verse 5 and those private opinions should be kept private, verse 22
 - c) The rightness or wrongness of an action is determined far more by the motive for which it is done than by the action itself, verses 6-8. Do everything with the Lord as your focus.
- 3) There should be no stumbling blocks, verse 13
 - a) Paul says that even when an act considered simply as an act is perfectly permitted by God, if that act is done in the belief that it is wrong there is rebellion against God and Paul says the person stands condemned, verse 23.
 - b) The one with 'stronger faith' who acts insensitively may not just distress the 'weaker brother' but may destroy him, verse 15.
The 'stronger' must be willing to refrain from doing what

might injure his 'weaker brother's' scruples or encourage his 'weaker brother' to ignore those scruples, verses 20-21.

Conclusion

In this chapter Paul distinguishes three different kinds of 'sin' :-

- 1) Some acts are wrong irrespective of whether my conscience condemns me or not as they are contrary to God's law.
- 2) Some acts although not contrary to God's law are still sinful because I do them in the belief that they are wrong.
- 3) Some acts though not contrary to God's law or contrary to my conscience are still wrong or sinful because in doing them they lead my fellow Christian to sin against his conscience

The key principle that Paul is talking about is found in chapter 15: 1. It is not always easy to apply the 'principle of the weaker brother' but the important thing is to get the general principle right.

Homework for next week

Please read Romans chapter 15

Consider the following questions:-

- 1) What further insights does Paul give here in regard to relationship with one another?
- 2) What in theory and practice does it mean to 'Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God'?
- 3) Verse 17. What do you think Paul is saying here—put this verse in your own words.
- 4) Verses 17-33 what points stand out for you in these verses? What inspires you or challenge you?