

^{14.1} Be hospitable to the person who has a sensitive faith and do not judge your differences. ² One person faithfully eats everything, while the sensitive person eats only plants. ³ The one who eats must not despise the one who does not eat. The one who does not eat, must not judge the one who eats, for the Creator is hospitable to him. ⁴ Who are you to judge another house-servant? He stands and falls before his own Lord. He will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person judges one day as different from another, while one person judges all days to be the same. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The person that thinks one day is special, does this for the Lord. The person who eats, does this for the Lord, for he gives thanks to the Creator. The person who does not eat, does this for the Lord and gives thanks to the Creator. ⁷ For none of us lives for himself and no one dies for himself. ⁸ If we live, then we live for the Lord. If we die, then we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For Christ died and returned to life to be the Lord of the dead and the living.

¹⁰ So why do you judge your brother? And why do you despise your brother? For all will stand before the Creator to be judged. ¹¹ For it is written in Isaiah 45, *“I live, says the Lord, so every knee will bow to me and every tongue will profess the Creator without hypocrisy.”* ¹² As such, each of us will give an account of himself to the Creator. ¹³ Therefore, we must no longer judge each other. Instead, judge yourself so that you do not place a stumbling block or trap before your brother.

¹⁴ I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is common on its own. Only when someone considers something common, does it become common to him. ¹⁵ So if your brother is grieved because of your food, then you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy your brother, for whom Christ died, with your food! ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let the good of you all be blasphemed! ¹⁷ For the Creator’s Kingdom is not food and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For the person who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to the Creator and approved by people. ¹⁹ So then, let us pursue the things of peace and the things which build each other up. ²⁰ Do not destroy the Creator’s work on account of food. All things are clean, but they become evil for a man if his eating causes another person to stumble. ²¹ It is beautiful to not eat meat or to not drink wine or to not do anything that hurts your brother. ²² Live out your personal faithfulness before the Creator. Blessed is the person who does not bring judgment on himself by what he approves. ²³ The person who is judging when he eats is condemned because he is not acting from faithfulness. Everything that does not come from faithfulness is sin.

^{15.1} We who are powerful are obligated to carry the sensitivities of the powerless and not serve our own interests. ² Each of us must serve the interests of our fellow creatures to build up the good. ³ For Christ did not serve his own interests, but just as it is written in Psalm 69, *“The abuses of those who abuse you have fallen upon me.”* ⁴ For everything that was previously written was written to teach us, so that through patience and through the help of the writings we might have hope. ⁵ May the Creator of patience and help give you the same thinking as Christ Jesus with each other. ⁶ So that you may glorify the Creator and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with the

unity of one voice.

⁷ Therefore, for the Creator's glory, be hospitable to each other just as Christ was hospitable to you. ⁸ For I say, Christ became a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the Creator's truth to confirm the promises given to our fathers. ⁹ And now the ethnic-groups glorify the Creator on behalf of his mercy, just as it is written in Psalm 18, "*Because of this I will profess you without hypocrisy among the ethnic-groups and I will sing to your name.*" ¹⁰ Again it says in Deuteronomy 32, "*Ethnic-groups, rejoice with his people!*" ¹¹ Again it says in Psalm 117, "*Praise the Lord, all ethnic-groups! Let all peoples praise him!*" ¹² Again it says in Isaiah 11, "*The root of Jesse will be the one who rises to rule the ethnic-groups. The ethnic-groups will hope in him.*" ¹³ May the Creator of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faithfulness so you may overflow in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.