



# The Black & White on Gray Areas

Sorting Out God's Orders from Our Opinions

Romans 14:1-3, 5-6

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## 1. Understand their Struggle with \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Identify \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Never \_\_\_\_\_

*1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. 5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.*  
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# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Hebrews 10:1-9**. In your own words, how would you explain to someone why we Christians don't obey the Old Testament rules regarding the priesthood, the sacrifices and all the rituals of Israel's worship?
2. Read **Mark 7:1-13**. What are some modern human traditions (which may seem quite religious) that can be valued as more important than God's clearly stated moral laws found in his word?
3. How can today's "debatable issues" cause damage to the body of Christ?
4. How can today's "debatable issues" cause damage to our testimony and reputation?
5. Read **Psalms 119:9-16**. Why should God's written word never be minimized in determining what we should and should not do?

## The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 27-28 & 2Tim. 4*

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Jer. 29-30 & Titus 1*

**November 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Jer. 31-32 & Titus 2*

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Jer. 33-35 & Titus 3*

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Jer. 36-37 & Phile.*

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 38-39 & Heb. 1*

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 40-42 & Heb. 2*

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 43-45 & Heb. 3*

For sermons on MP3 go to [FPR.info](http://FPR.info). The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0634 – **Why Don't We Have to Keep All Those Old Testament Ceremonies?**

CD # 0602 – **Seeing My Salvation as the Fulfillment of the Sabbath**

CD # 0921 – **Rethinking Outward Signs & Inward Realities**

CD # 0902 – **The Centrality of Scripture**

CD # 0421 – **Reaffirming God's Word as Our Ultimate Authority**

CD # 1115 – **Make the Most of Daily Bible Study**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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