



# ROMMANS

THE ROAD OF FAITH

# Romans 14:1

As for the one who is weak in faith,  
welcome him, but not to quarrel  
over opinions.

# Who are the Weak and the Strong?

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- **The weak (according to Paul) is a Christian who has come to faith in Christ out of a religious background whose practices still influence his life. He is still controlled by certain traditions, rituals, and customs which prevent him from fully enjoying his freedom in Christ.**
- **The strong (according to Paul) is a Christian who understood that his former life was not to control his new life in Christ.**

# How do we Live Together with Differences?

<b>Issues</b>	<b>The Strong</b>	<b>The Weak</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>Eat all kinds of food</b>	<b>Eat only vegetables</b>
<b>Holy Days</b>	<b>Makes no distinction among days</b>	<b>Value some days more than others</b>
<b>Wine</b>	<b>Drink wine</b>	<b>Abstain from wine</b>

# **How do we Live Together with Differences?**

- 1. We must be welcoming without an argumentative spirit**
- 2. We are to accept them with a spirit of grace**
- 3. We must understand that two opposite choices can both bring glory to God.**
- 4. We must remember we are family**
- 5. We must remember the Bema Seat of Christ**

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Freedom**



# Have you ever hurt a brother on an issue?

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- a. Tattoos
- b. Rated R movies
- c. Modest clothing
- d. Yoga
- e. Going into debt
- f. Drinking alcohol
- g. Perpetuating Santa Clause
- h. Capitalism vs. Socialism
- i. Harry Potter series
- j. Halloween
- k. Dating vs. Courtship
- l. Secular music
- m. Video games
- n. Number of Children
- o. Practicing Family Devos
- p. School choice
- q. Cannabis
- r. Eating unhealthy foods

# **Don't Hurt Others with our Freedom**

**I. First, be convinced in your own mind on issues**

# Romans 14:5

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..

# Conscience(30x in NT)

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1. So I always take pains to have a *clear* conscience toward both God and man--Acts 24:16
2. They show that the work of the law is written on their heart, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts *accuse* or even *excuse* them—Romans 2:15
3. I am not lying; my conscience *bears me witness* in the Holy Spirit—Romans 9:1
4. ...through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seard—1 Timothy 4:2

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Conscience can affirm, convict, change on an issue, can be wounded, can be encouraged, can be defiled, evil, seared like a hot iron, can be guilty, can embolden to sin, cleansed, washed, purified and made clear with a sense of being blameless.

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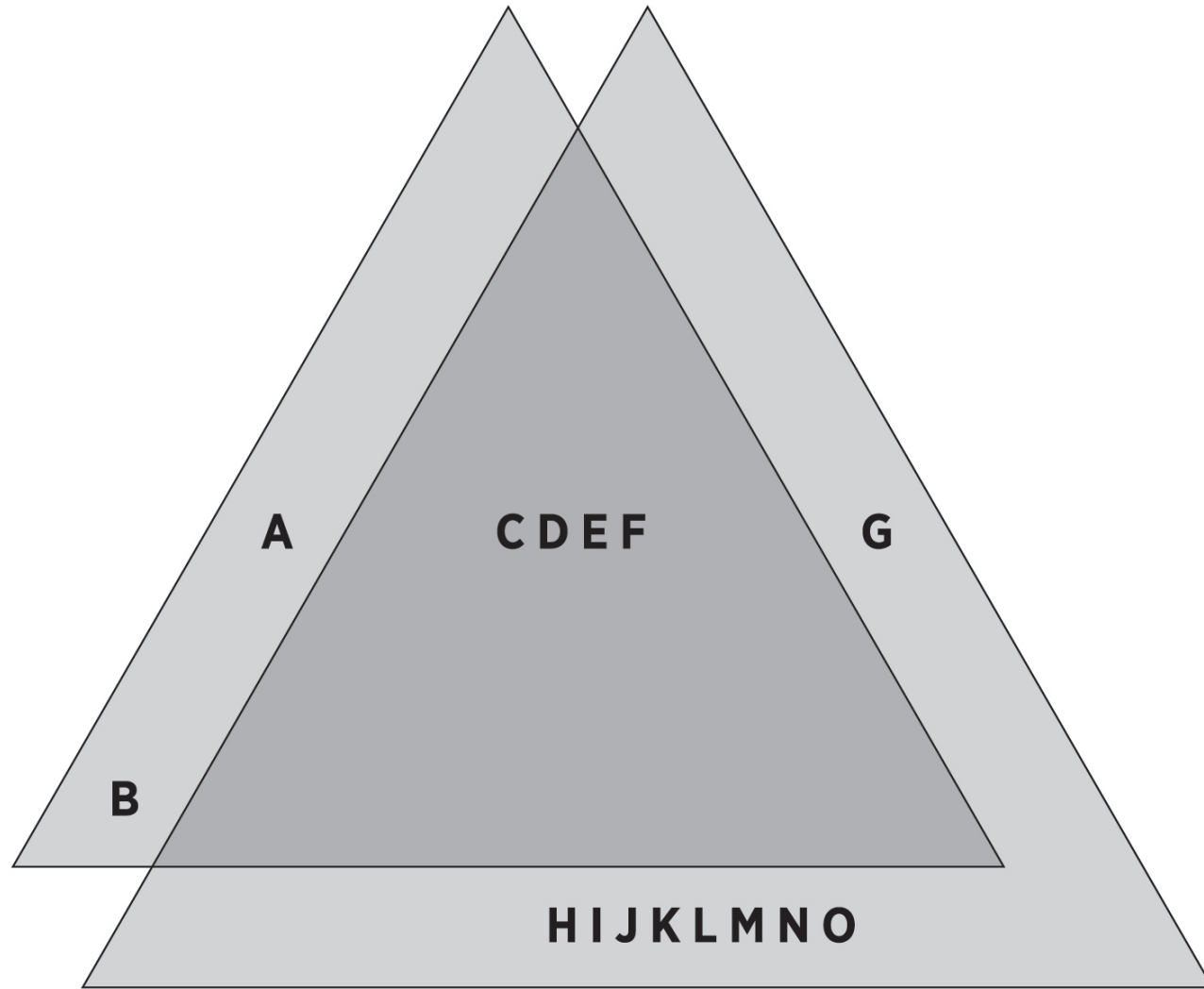
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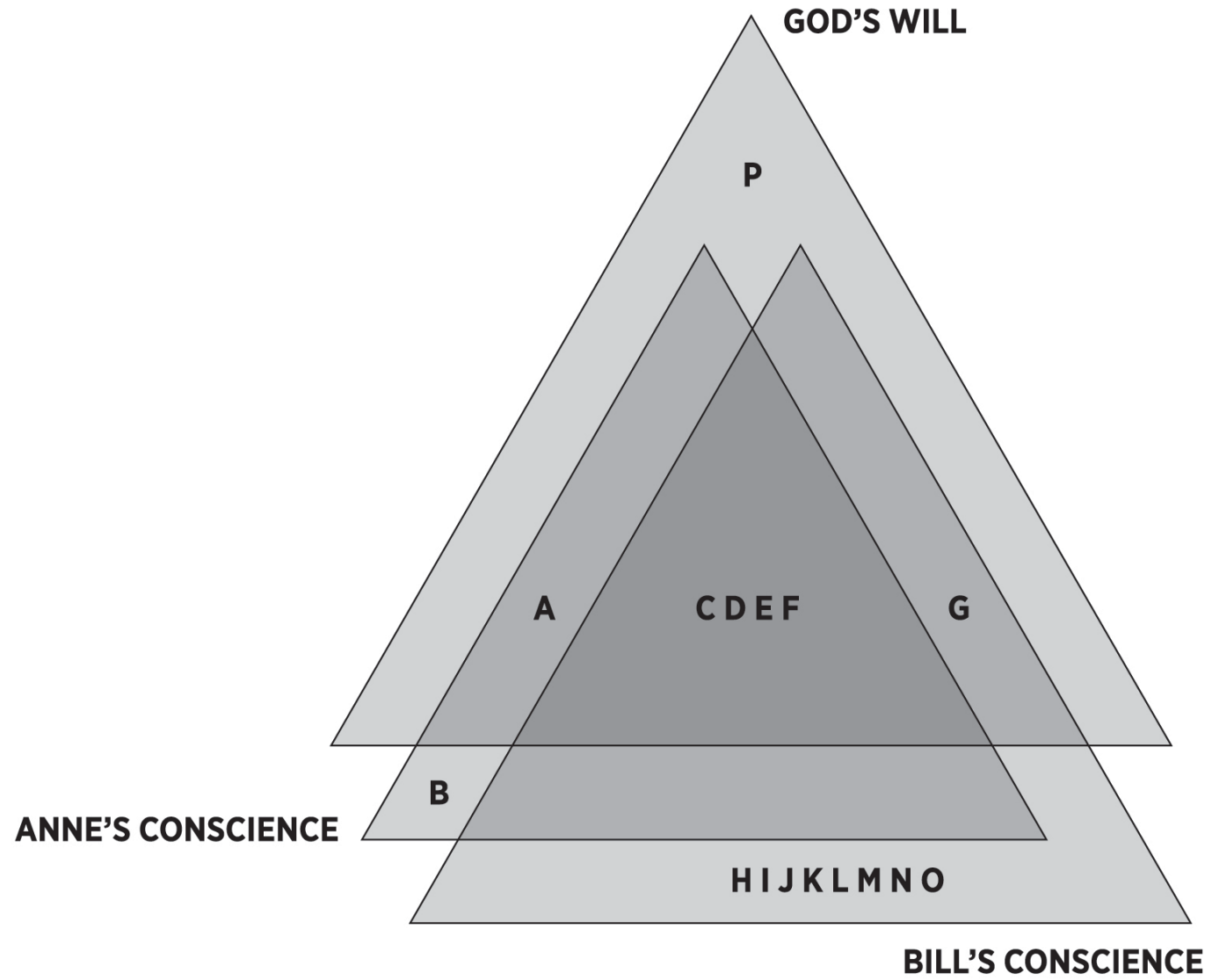


**BILL'S CONSCIENCE**

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- No two people have exactly the same conscience
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- God is the only Lord of the conscience



**Acts 5:29**

**We must obey God rather than  
man**

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If God, the Lord of your conscience, shows you through his Word that your conscience is registering a mistaken moral judgment and if you believe he wants you to adjust your conscience to better match his will, your conscience must bend to God.

**Andrew Naselli**

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**a. Stumbling Block—on purpose**

**b. Hinderance—left something there**

# Romans 14:14

I know and am persuaded **in the**  
**Lord Jesus** that nothing is unclean  
in itself, but it is unclean for anyone  
who thinks it unclean.

# Romans 14:15

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# **Don't Hurt Others with our Freedom**

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**III. Last, be aware of how we FAIL at loving others**

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# **How we fail loving each other**

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# Romans 14:16

So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.

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- 3. You can ruin your own reputation**

# Romans 14:17-19

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and **peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

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# Romans 14:20-21

Do not, for the sake of food, **destroy** the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

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- 4. You can forget what really matters**
- 5. You can forget God is working**

# Romans 15:1

**We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.**



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