

**Lesson 22**  
**The Weak and the Strong**  
**( Romans 14:1-12 )**

• **Questions**

1. What kind of personal matters does Paul discuss in this chapter (14:1-2)?
  
2. What responsibility do the weak and strong have toward each other (14:3; note “strong” and “weak” in 15:1)?
  
3. Before whom does the Christian stand (14:4,6-8)?
  
4. What responsibility do brethren have toward themselves concerning personal scruples (14:5)?
  
5. What two specific personal scruples does Paul address in verses 2 through 6?
  
6. Why did Christ die and rise again (14:9)?
  
7. Where will we all stand at the end of time and what will we all do then (4:10-11)?
  
8. What account will be given in the Judgment Day and to whom (14:12)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. Who are the “weak” and who are the “strong” in this chapter (14:1; see also 15:1)?

2. What does “faith” refer to in this context (14:1-2,22,23)?
  
3. What does “judge” refer to in this context (14:3,4,10,13,22)?
  
4. What Old Testament scripture is quoted in verse 11?
  
5. What is Paul’s purpose in speaking about the Judgment Day in this context (14:10-12)?
  
6. Where else in the NT does Paul discuss the matter of personal conscience and liberty?
  
7. What Bible matters are not under consideration in Romans 14?
  
8. What was the social makeup (Jew / Gentile) of church membership at Rome and how does this relate to what Paul discusses in Romans 14?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Not every Christian has a strong conscience about some personal matters of scruple. Brethren in local churches must be willing to work with each other and not bind personal scruples upon one another (14:1-6).
  
2. We do not live selfishly for our own good. We live for the Lord too (14:7-9).
  
3. What kind of account of yourself will you give to God in the Judgment Day (14:10-12)?