

Sermon Title: The Law of Love Supersedes the Law of Liberty, Part 2

Sermon Text: Romans 14:16-23

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to walk in sacrificial love in the area of doubtful things.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 additional attitudes and actions the loving Christian practices before the weak.

I. The good is to protect the witness for the Kingdom of God. V.16-18

II. The goal to pursue is peace and edification. V.19-21

III. The grace to practice is a conscience innocent of sin. V.22-23

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A. The non-negotiables of the Kingdom of God. V.16

B. The non-essentials of the Kingdom of God. V.17a

C. The necessary essentials of the Kingdom of God. V.17b

1. Righteousness

2. Peace

3. Joy

D. The new people of the Kingdom of God. V.18

1. Acceptable to God.

2. Approved by men.

Dokimos (approved) refers to acceptance after careful examination, or when a jeweler carefully inspects a gem under a magnifying glass to determine genuineness and value.
(Philippians 2:15)

II. The goal to pursue is peace and edification. V.19-21

A. The new people pursue actions of peace. V.19a
2 Corinthians 13:11; Ephesians 4:3

B. The new people pursue actions of edification. V.19b

1. The new people do not destroy another brother. V.20a

2. The new people do not commit evil toward another brother. V.20b-21

(Paul's warnings about food and drink relates to anything not sinful in and of itself that might be said or done that would cause the weaker harm.)

III. The grace to practice is a conscience innocent of sin. V.22-23

A. The loving exhortation to the strong Christian in the area of liberties. V.22

B. The loving exhortation to the weaker Christian in the area of liberties. V.23