

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 09-13-2020 "The USA's Number One Sin -- not What You Think"

[Jesus] replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." (Luke 4:43 NLT)
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Title: USA's Number One Sin
Text: Romans 14:1-15:13

Romans 14:1-23 NET

<small>1</small> Now receive the one who is weak in the faith, and do not have disputes over differing opinions.

<small>2</small> One person believes in eating everything, but the weak person eats only vegetables.

<small>3</small> The one who eats everything must not despise the one who does not, and the one who abstains must not judge the one who eats everything, for God has accepted him.

<small>4</small> Who are you to pass judgment on another's servant? Before his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<small>5</small> One person regards one day holier than other days, and another regards them all alike. Each must be fully convinced in his own mind.

<small>6</small> The one who observes the day does it for the Lord. The one who eats, eats

for the Lord because he gives thanks to God, and the one who abstains from eating abstains for the Lord, and he gives thanks to God.

7</small> For none of us lives for himself and none dies for himself.

8</small> If we live, we live for the Lord; if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9</small> For this reason Christ died and returned to life, so that he may be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10</small> But you who eat vegetables only - why do you judge your brother or sister? And you who eat everything - why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

11</small> For it is written, " As I live , says the Lord , every knee will bow to me , and every tongue will give praise to God ."

12</small> Therefore, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

13</small> Therefore we must not pass judgment on one another, but rather determine never to place an obstacle or a trap before a brother or sister.

14</small> I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean in itself; still, it is unclean to the one who considers it unclean.

15</small> For if your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy by your food someone for whom Christ died.

16</small> Therefore do not let what you consider good be spoken of as evil.

17</small> For the kingdom of God does not consist of food and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18</small> For the one who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by people.

19</small> So then, let us pursue what makes for peace and for building up one another.

20</small> Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. For although all things are clean, it is wrong to cause anyone to stumble by what you eat.

21</small> It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

22</small> The faith you have, keep to yourself before God. Blessed is the one who does not judge himself by what he approves.

23</small> But the man who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not do so from faith, and whatever is not from faith is sin.

<https://bible.com/bible/107/rom.14.1-23.NET>

Romans 15:1-13 NET

1</small> But we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not just please ourselves.

2</small> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good to build him up.

3</small> For even Christ did not please himself, but just as it is written, " The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me ."

4</small> For everything that was written in former times was written for our

instruction, so that through endurance and through encouragement of the scriptures we may have hope. 5</small> Now may the God of endurance and comfort give you unity with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6</small> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7</small> Receive one another, then, just as Christ also received you, to God's glory. 8</small> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of God's truth to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9</small> and thus the Gentiles glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, " Because of this I will confess you among the Gentiles , and I will sing praises to your name ." 10</small> And again it says: " Rejoice , O Gentiles , with his people ." 11</small> And again, " Praise the Lord all you Gentiles , and let all the peoples praise him ." 12</small> And again Isaiah says, " The root of Jesse will come , and the one who rises to rule over the Gentiles , in him will the Gentiles hope ." 13</small> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in him, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

<https://bible.com/bible/107/rom.15.1-13.NET>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Jesus loves them this I know because his Spirit tells me so.

Judgmentally critical attitudes saturate our nation's conversations. Even people who declare Jesus is their Savior look down on everyone that does not agree with them.

These critical attitudes and actions are sin. They block our prayers from being answered. We must stop judging each other and "pursue what makes for peace and for building up one another."

Ask the Spirit to reveal your judgmentally critical attitudes and actions to you.

Confess those attitudes and actions as sin and turn to Jesus to help you love as he loves.