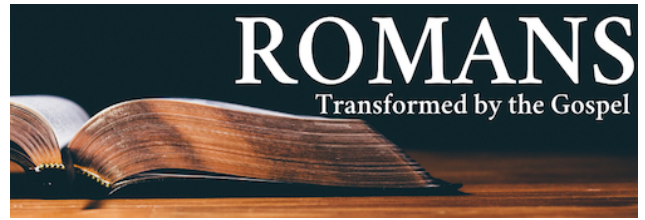


Disputable Matters and the Church!

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What Principles Should Christians Consider in Their Relationships with One Another Concerning Disputable Matters?

1. Principle #1: In disputable matters place yourself in the role of a **builder** not a **judge**.

Response: Be a **builder** not a judge.

2. Principle #2: God loves your fellow brother or sister in Christ to **death!**

Response: Walk in **love** toward the precious soul for whom Christ died.

3. Principle #3: The values of **righteousness**, **peace**, and **joy** are more important than your conviction on a particular disputable matter.

Response: Seek first the **Kingdom** of God and avoid **building** your own kingdom.

4. Principle #4: The **work** of the Lord is of greater importance than any disagreement over disputable matters.

Response: **Consider** carefully how your response to another believer relative to disputable matters will affect the work of God.

Questions

1. What is the difference between disputable matters and sin issues?
2. What are some issues that might be considered disputable matters among Christians today?
3. Why is it sin for a person to violate their conscience?
4. Of the four principles Pastor Jon laid out, which one did you most need to hear and why?
5. What is your take-a-way from the message today that will help you grow in your walk with Christ?

Next Steps: January Reading Plan (Week 4)

Day One: Leviticus 23

Day Two: Leviticus 26

Day Three: Numbers 11-12

Day Four: Numbers 13-14

Day Five: Numbers 16-17

Discipleship Tip:

The most transformative practice you can engage in as a believer is reading God's Word consistently with your ears open to hear from God and your heart open to change.

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 15:1-13

January Scripture Memory:

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?