

17. How can we *be devoted to prayer* on one another's behalf this week?

Quotes to Ponder

We are to accept anyone the Lord has accepted in the gospel; we are not to condemn anyone for whom there is now no condemnation in the gospel; we must ensure our consciences are in line with the freedom of the gospel; & we should make sure we are then living in line with the gospel.

Timothy Keller

If you immediately condemn anyone who doesn't quite believe the same as you do ... pray tell, who can you still consider a brother?

Martin Bucer

The work of Christians is to serve the Lord, not to usurp His lordship by self-righteously judging fellow believers.

John MacArthur

Though we are saved, though we are the children of God, we shall still have to appear before the judgment throne of Christ, and give an account of the deeds done in the body, whether good or bad. It is possible for us to suffer loss, it is possible for us to know shame. How do I reconcile all this with heaven and glory? I cannot. I do not know. But it is the plain teaching of Scripture.

D.. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

There is very little emphasis in Christian circles today on the importance of Christian freedom. Just the opposite seems to be true. Instead of promoting freedom, we stress our rules of conformity. Instead of preaching living by grace, we preach living by performance. Instead of encouraging new believers to be conformed to Christ, we subtly insist that they be conformed to our particular style of Christian culture.

Jerry Bridges

If God will judge your friends, why should you get involved? He knows them better than you do, He loves them more than you do, and He reads the thoughts and intents of the heart, which you can't at all.

Ray Pritchard

Who are we to judge one another when it is Christ's blood which purchased His church? Every knee will bow to Jesus Christ the Lord, not to you; so stop judging one another—that is the Lord's prerogative alone.

David Cook



Message #111: *Are Christians Judged?*

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Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through God's Word that was used in the sermon this week?
3. Is it the weak or the strong who tend to judge others (*Romans 14:1, 10*)?
4. Is it the weak or the strong who tend to have contempt for others (*Romans 14:3, 10*)?
5. According to *Romans 14:10-12*, what should motivate us to stop judging or despising another believer?
6. What is *the judgment seat of God* (*Romans 14:10*)?
7. What do the following passages teach about *the judgment seat*?
1 Corinthians 3:10-15 — *2 Corinthians 5:10* —

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 —
8. What does *Romans 14:12* mean?
9. When you're tempted to judge or despise another Christian, whose seat are you trying to sit on? When this happens, what does it say about our view of God?
10. Do we live in the light of standing before Christ for judgment of our

works? How can we make this more central in our daily lives?

11. Are we forbidden from ever judging in *Romans 14:1, 3-4, 10, 13*? Explain.
12. What do the following verses teach about judging others?
Matthew 7:1-5 — *1 Corinthians 5:11-12* —

Romans 16:17 — *1 Corinthians 11:28* —

1 Corinthians 2:15 — *Galatians 6:1* —

1 Corinthians 5:1-4 — *Hebrews 4:12* —
13. When we find ourselves judging another Christian's non-sinful behavior, what has Paul taught us to think & do?
14. How does knowing that we will all be judged by God affect how we treat others with whom we differ on non-essential issues?
15. What did Jesus pray for in *John 17:17-23*? How can this happen if we all have different opinions about debatable matters?
16. **Reflection Questions:** Am I bothered by others' behavior because it violates the Bible or because it doesn't fit into my expectations? Will I be able to stand before the Lord unashamed when He examines my choice in these issues? How much consideration, love, and acceptance do I have for those who have a different opinion than I do? Have I been guilty of making others answerable to me instead of God?