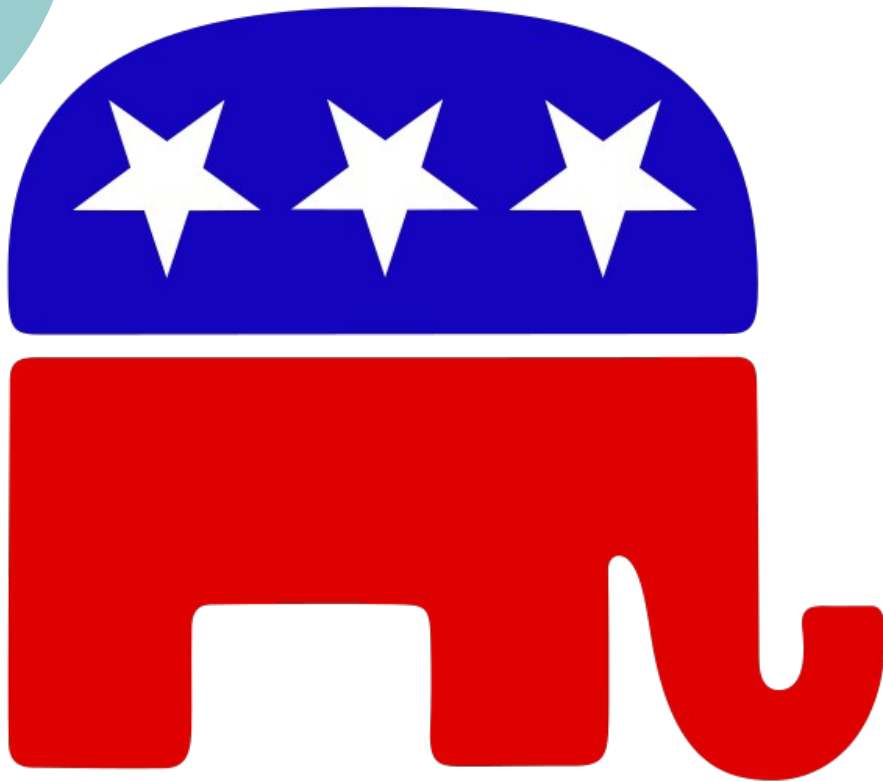


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## John 3:16

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***For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.***

# Romans 14:1-5

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**Rom 14:1** Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

**Rom 14:2** One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

**Rom 14:3** The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him.

**Rom 14:4** Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

**Rom 14:5** One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.



# Romans 14:1

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NIV: disputable matters

NAS, ESV: opinions

NKJV: doubtful things

CSB: disputed matters



# Disputable Matters

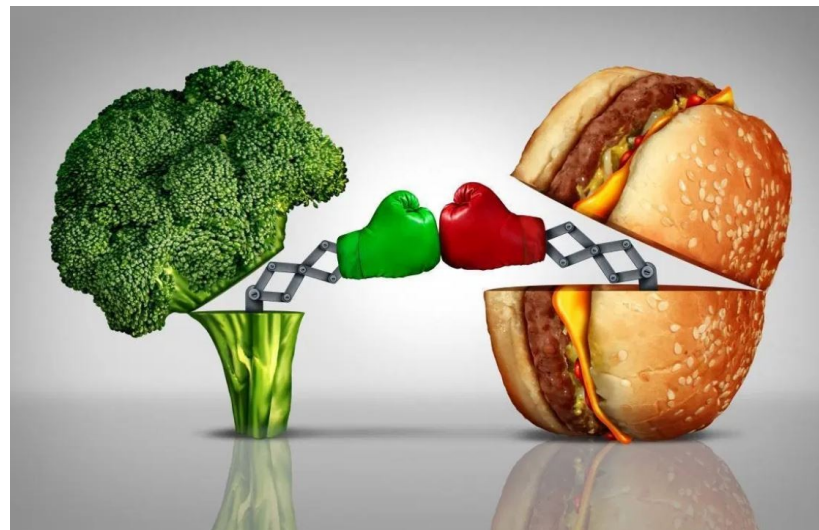
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# Disputable Matters

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What you can eat

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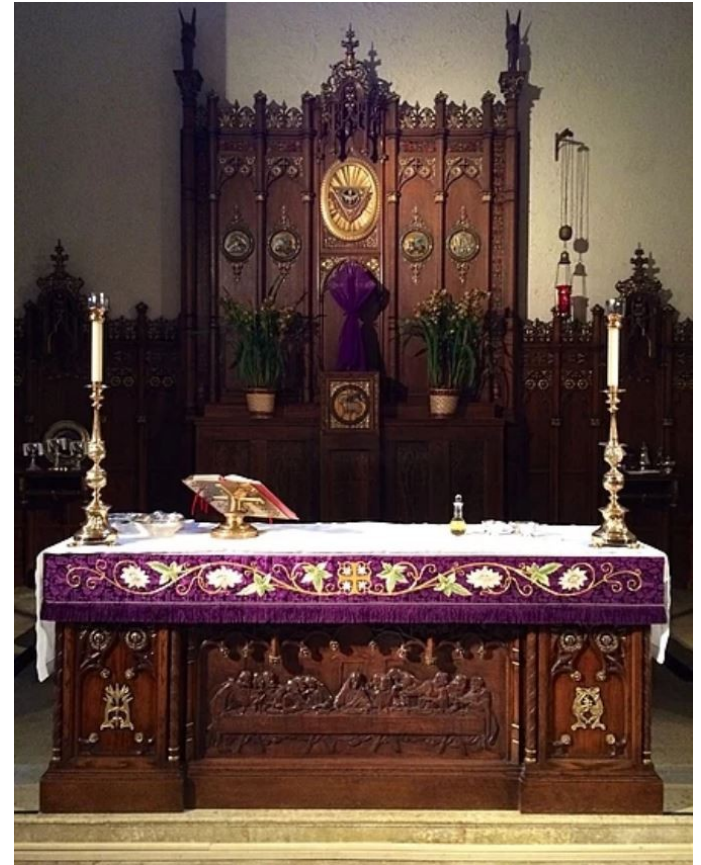
See 1 Cor 10:25-29

# Disputable Matters

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Observing special religious days

Rom 14:5a One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike.





# QUESTION #2

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See Col 2:16

# Disputable Matters

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Drinking wine



# Disputable Matters

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## Drinking wine

Rom 14:21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.

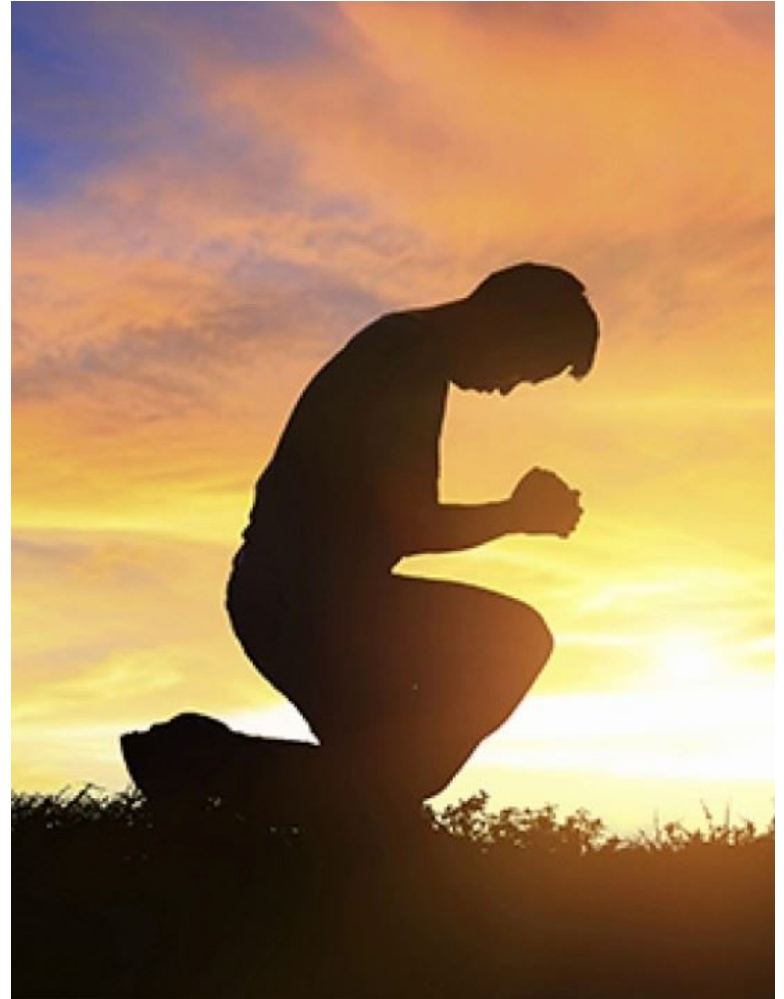




# Disputable Matters

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Rom 14:22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.





# QUESTION #3

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What kind of things should you keep between yourself and God?



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Things that might cause your brother to fall. (Rom 14:21)



# QUESTION #4

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How could discussion of those matters cause your brother to fall?



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Strife, dissension, factions (Gal 5:20)



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How could discussion of those matters cause your brother to fall?

Luk 17:2 It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.





# QUESTION #5

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What are some disputed political matters America today?

(Try not to reveal your opinion)



# QUESTION #6

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# QUESTION #6

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Can someone disagree with your positions on political issues and still be right with God? How?



# QUESTION #7

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# What could go wrong?

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**1Co 8:9** Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

**1Co 8:10** For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols?

**1Co 8:11** So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge.

**1Co 8:12** When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

**1Co 8:13** Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.



# Giving up your rights

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1Co 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1Co 10:32 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks, [*Democrats, Republicans*] or the church of God—

1Co 10:33 even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.



# Living Together

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Cats and dogs living together!

Mass hysteria!



# Romans 14:19

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Let us therefore  
make every effort  
to do what leads  
to peace and to  
mutual edification.

# Romans 15:7

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Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.



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