



Unashamed: Transformed to Love When We Disagree

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Romans Road

Romans 3:10 – There is no one righteous, not even one.

Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 – Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 10:9 – That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 – Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 14

1. Unity not uniformity is the goal.

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.” Rom. 14:19

- **It is ok to disagree on things that are not biblically clear.**

“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.” Rom. 14:5

- **Disagreement, handled in love, often enhances the desired outcome.**

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgement on disputable matters.” Rom. 14:1

- **Uniformity weakens a group because they only see one side of an issue.**

“Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died. Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil.” Rom. 14:15-16

- **There are absolutes and those we must agree on as we submit to the Lord.**

2. How can we be unified when we don't agree?

- **Recognize, where the Bible is silent, there is no absolute right.**

“I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean.” Rom. 14:14

- **Avoid looking down upon someone or judging someone who holds a different view.**

“Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.” Rom. 14:13

- **Accept each other as brothers and sisters of our one Father and Lord.**

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- **Make sure your conscience is clear and do not attempt to force another to behave against their conscience.**

“So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.” Rom. 14:22-23

- **The ultimate end is not whether something is practiced or avoided, but do we love each other.**

“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food...” Rom. 14:17-20

“For we will all stand before God's judgement seat. It is written: “As surely as I live,” says the Lord, “every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.” So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Rom. 14:12

“I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...” Rom. 1:16