WHAT WE BELIEVE & HOW WE BEHAVE—34

"What Difference Does All This Make In My Life?"—Romans 12:1—15:33

"It Makes A Difference in the 'Grey Areas.'"—2

Romans 13:13-23

Introduction:_____

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I. FIRST, NOTICE HOW OUR CHRISTIAN LIBERTY IS *INTERPRETED* (ROMANS 14:13-16).

A. First, love does not judge others on non-essential matters, but determines to do this—not to put a *stumbling block* in a brother's way (14:13).

1. First, he uses a term that refers to *tumble* (14:13c).

2. Secondly, he uses a term that refers to a *trap* (14:13d).

B. Secondly, love does not cause a weaker believer to *violate* his/her conscience (14:14).

C. Thirdly, love does not *insist* on its rights to the point of damaging a weaker believer's walk with the Lord (14:15).

D. Fourthly, love does not insist in its rights in disregard to the *testimony* of Christ (14:16).

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HOW OUR CHRITIANS TESTIMONY IS *ILLUSTRATED* (Romans 114:17-18).

A. First, accept the *potential* of being watched.

B. Secondly, admit the *power* of being an influence

C. Thirdly, acknowledge the *priority* of being a testimony (14:17).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER HOW OUR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY IS _____ (Romans 14:19-23).

Consider how our liberty is investigated:

A. First, as Christians, we should _____Godly relationships (14:19).

B. Secondly, as Christians, we should _____ Godly priorities (14:20-21),

C. Thirdly, as Christians, we should _____ and develop Godly convictions (14:22).

Look at three levels of convictions:

1. First, note level #1—this has to do with personal _____.
2. Secondly, notice level #2—this has to do with personal _____.
3. Thirdly, consider level 3—this has to do with personal _____.

D. Fourthly, as Christians we should _____ and maintain a good conscience (14:23).