

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

¹³ "ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ENTER THROUGH IT. ¹⁴ BUT SMALL IS THE GATE AND NARROW THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND ONLY A FEW FIND IT.
MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans

A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION FIFTEEN

Romans 14:1-15:13

Questions for Session Fifteen

1. What does Paul teach in v. 1a? What is Paul describing in vv. 2-3? What is he really talking about, and why was this subject so important to the first century church? Explain your ideas. Explain v. 4.

2. What is Paul teaching in vv. 5-6? In vv. 7-9 Paul explains living and dying to the LORD and to self. What is this about? How can we more fully explain this concept here in the twenty-first century?

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3. In vv. 10-12 Paul explains the concept of judgment. What does Paul teach will happen if we judge others? How will each person be held accountable to God? How will you explain yourself when the time comes?

4. What is Paul teaching in vv. 13-15? What does the subject of eating have to do with this whole concept that Paul is presenting here? What kinds of stumbling blocks and pitfalls do we put in another person's way in the present time?

5. If the kingdom of God is not self-gratification, what is it then? How can we be both acceptable to God and approved by men? What is Paul talking about in v. 20? Explain v. 23.

6. What is Paul describing in v. 1? Why are we to please our neighbors? What is Paul's view on being united in mind and voice regarding our faith? Why should we all agree? What does this really mean?

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7. How are we to accept one another? What subject does Paul bring up in v. 8? What does he mean when he refers to *the circumcised*? How does this relate to what we discussed back in ch. 14?

8. What prophet is Paul quoting in vv. 9-12? To which group of people is Paul reaching out in these concluding verses of our lesson? For what is Paul striving in v. 13, as he closes his remarks on this subject and prepares to move on to the next?

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