

# PBC Growing in Christ

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# Class Norms

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

# Growing in Christ

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- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



# Growing in Christ

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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*





Accept  
Romans 14:1-4,13-19

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**“How do you decide what’s  
not worth arguing about?”**

# Scripture

Romans 14:1-4

**1 Accept anyone who is weak in faith, but don't argue about disputed matters. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while one who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 One who eats must not look down on one who does not eat, and one who does not eat must not judge one who does, because God has accepted him. 4 Who are you to judge another's household servant? Before his own Lord he stands or falls. And he will stand, because the Lord is able to make him stand.**



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Romans 14:1-4

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**How should we behave when we disagree as Christ-followers?**

***What unintended damage can occur when we criticize, judge and argue?***



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Romans 14:1-4

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- Paul made it plain that each of us will have to answer to God for the way we have lived this life.
- God is not going to ask me what I thought about another person's actions.
- God is the Lord and Judge over the other person. I'm not.

# Scripture

## Romans 14:13-15

13 Therefore, let us no longer judge one another. Instead decide never to put a stumbling block or pitfall in the way of your brother or sister. 14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself. Still, to someone who considers a thing to be unclean, to that one it is unclean. 15 For if your brother or sister is hurt by what you eat, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy, by what you eat, someone for whom Christ died.



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## Romans 14:13-15

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**What's your initial reaction to Paul's message in verse 15?**

**How can we identify if an action or attitude is a stumbling block?**



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## Romans 14:13-15

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- Paul challenged the stronger believers not to be insensitive by flaunting their freedoms.
- They should avoid offending others: “Let us no longer judge one another. Instead decide never to put a stumbling block or pitfall in the way of your brother or sister.”

# Scripture

## Romans 14:16-19

16 Therefore, do not let your good be slandered, 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever serves Christ in this way is acceptable to God and receives human approval. 19 So then, let us pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another.





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## Romans 14:16-19

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**How would you describe our responsibility for building peace among Christ-followers?**

**What does it look like for our group to pursue peace in our church?**



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## Romans 14:16-19

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- We live to make the kingdom of God and His glory known throughout the earth.
- We live to build His kingdom and promote His purpose.
- We live to see our Savior return in power and glory, with our lives prepared and poised for service.
- We serve Christ when we ...
  - give proper proportion to trivial things.
  - seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness
  - keep the cause of Christ in full view
- In so doing, we sense God's pleasure and enjoy growing relationships.



# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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**Extend grace. If someone has offended you because his or her actions go against your convictions, forgive. Do not hold these actions against this individual.**

**Let go of your desires. You may feel perfectly free in Christ to participate in some activities, but others do not. Let go of your freedom to engage in the activity in order to respect and serve the other person.**

**Agree to disagree. Meet with someone with whom you have a difference of opinion. Maintain love and respect for the other person in spite of the difference.**



# Final thoughts about Accept

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- There is no-gray areas in Christian life.
- Paul urged believers to keep the main thing—the main thing. We should maintain a focus on the kingdom God.
- Paul goes even further to keep us on track: “Whoever serves Christ in this way is acceptable to God and receives human approval.



# Final thoughts about Forgiveness

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“We are going love the hell out  
you!”

# Resources

(Matthew 6:33).

**BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**

[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)





**Next Week: August 2, 2020  
The Truth of the Resurrection**

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**1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

**When have you been an  
eyewitness to an exciting event?**



# God Bless You!

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