IN EVERTHING LOVE
ROMANS 14:1-9

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (**Romans 1:11, 12**)*

BACKGROUND: In the church, there are those who are weak in faith, and there are those who are strong in faith. Continuing the theme of love in chapters 12 and 13, our Lord tells us to be tolerant of one another in amoral and disputable matters. An amoral issue or disputable matter may include observance of Sabbaths, drinking alcohol, dancing, personal grooming, dress, Scripture translation, mode and time of baptism, etc.

LOVE ACCEPTS *THE WEAK IN FAITH*. Therefore, protect their fellowship with you. (**Romans 14:1, fn 14:1ff, fn 14:1[2nd], Romans 15:1, 2, I Corinthians 8:1-3, fn 8:1-3, I John 4:7, 8, fn 4:7ff**) *How could your love break the barrier of a disputable matter?*

LOVE IS NOT JUDGEMENTAL. This is not referring to judging rightly, but wrong judgment that criticizes, puts down, condemns, or rebukes a brother or sister in the Lord over an amoral issue. These acts usurp the role of our Lord in transforming His children into His image. (**Romans 14:2-4, fn 14:2, Luke 6:37, 38, fn 6:37, 38, Matthew 7:1-5, fn 7:1-5, Philippians 1:6, fn 1:6, II Corinthians 3:18, fn 3:18**) *Why is wrongful judgment against our Lord?*

LOVE RESPECTS *PERSONAL CONVICTIONS*. "Nothing in the Christian religion is legal or statutory, not even the religious observance of the first day of the week; that observance originated in faith, and is not what it should be except as it is maintained by faith." Kenneth S. Wuest, Word Studies in the New Testament, Volume I (Romans), p. 233. Personal convictions sometimes depend upon one's interpretation of the Scriptures. (**Romans 14:5-10, Romans 14:14, fn 14:14, fn 14:10-12, Colossians 2:16, 17, fn 2:16, 17, Romans 10:17, John 13:34, 35, fn 13:34, Romans 14:22, 23, fn 14:23**) *Why should you respect personal convictions of your extended family even though you believe they are scripturally wrong?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal