

In <u>Essentials</u> unity, <u>Non-Essentials</u> liberty, <u>in all things</u> charity

3 Tier System

Essentials

Non-Essentials / Convictions ----All things / Opinions

The Blacklist

Politics Music Style

Tattoos Dress Code

Alcohol Technology

Bible Translations Social Issues

Dancing



Danger when figuring out convictions/opinions

- 1. CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT
- 2. O.T. Laws ceremonial (Jesus fulfilled)
 - civic (N.T. updated) Acts 15
 - moral (ongoing)
 - 3. Tradition over Command Mt. 15:1-9

Romans 14 So what do we do?

One who Does

One who abstains DO NOT Look Down on — DO NOT PASS JUDGEMENT

Both

- v8 Lives or dies to Christ (Ph. 1:21-22)
- v 10-12 Will stand and give account before Christ (2 Cor. 5:10)
- v 13 DO NOT <u>Pass Judgement</u> or put a <u>stumbling</u> block (*Mt. 7:1-5*)
- v 19 Pursue What makes for Peace (Mt. 5:6)
- v 20 DO NOT for the sake of something temporary, destroy what is permanent (2 Cor. 5:1)
- v 23 walk in Faith (Hab. 2:4; 2 Cor. 5:7)

Censoriousness unloving, uninformed, ungenerous judgement

(God looks at the heart!)