

**THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE**  
**ROMANS 14:19**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. We are encouraged to be at peace with one another. (Mark 9.50; 1 Thess. 5.13; 2 Tim. 2.22; Heb. 12.14; 1 Pet. 3.11)
2. Peace is not something that happens. It is something that is made. We must pursue it. (Rom. 14.19; Matt. 5.9)

**I. RESPECT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION**

- A. **ROMANS 14.1:** *“Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.”* Literally, opinions.
1. The church in Rome consisted of both Jews and Gentiles who each held different opinions. (Rom. 14.2,5,14)
  2. Do you take your opinions and make them a matter of doctrine? Do you treat doctrines as opinions?
- B. What are opinions?
1. Opinions come from thinking thoroughly. (Rom. 14.1)
  2. Opinions separate us. (Rom. 14.2)
  3. Opinions don't matter to God. (Rom. 14.3)
  4. Opinions are personal beliefs. (Rom. 14.5,22)

**II. REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL BE JUDGED**

- A. **ROMANS 14.10:** *“For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”* Notice, “all” (vs. 11,12)
- B. **ROMANS 14.13:** *“Therefore let us not judge one another anymore.”*

**III. WALK IN LOVE**

- A. **ROMANS 14.13:** *“but rather resolve this...”*
1. Since I will be judged by the way I treat other, I need to stop putting the soul of my brother in jeopardy. (v. 13)
  2. If I ridicule another for their opinion and putting their soul in jeopardy, I am not walking in love. (vs. 14,15)
- B. We are to walk in love. (Eph. 5.1,2)

**CONCLUSION:** Together we can reach our eternal home.

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*“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19)*

**December 19, 2021**

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM**

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## **WHAT IS RIGHT OR WHAT IS FUN?**

I once saw a bumper stick that read, “There is no right and wrong, only fun and boring.” That sentiment seems to sum up the attitude of the world. To the world, right and wrong is not about a set moral standards, but about a set of personal preferences. If morality interferes with one's ability to have fun, then that morality is set aside for what is more appealing.

To justify sin, one would have to change the character of God. Rather than seeing God as the source of righteousness and truth, man justifies sin by portraying God like themselves. Because we have no problem with sexual morality, then certainly God would have no problem with it. God condemned the children of Israel because, *“you thought that I was altogether like you”* (Ps. 50.21).

To justify sin, one would have to believe that the ends justifies the means. Hence, divorce, for example, would be justified if it would serve the parents and children in that family. This idea of “situational ethics” or the belief that sin can be justified if the situation calls for it, is stands opposed to the clear teachings of Scripture (1 John 3.4).

In the end, man will not be judged by his own view of right and wrong, but by the standard of right and wrong imposed by God and revealed in His word (John 12.48).  
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## THE IMPACT OF THE RESURRECTION

### MARK 16:6

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. If the death of Jesus is the most significant event in human history, His resurrection is the most pivotal. (1 Cor. 15.19)
2. In a book that documents the spread of the gospel, the word “resurrection” is used more in Acts than in any other book.
3. What is the impact that the resurrection has on our lives?

#### I. THE BURIAL OF JESUS

- A. The religious element of His burial.
  1. **MARK 15.42:** “it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath” (cf. Ex. 20.8-11)
  2. With only three hours before the Sabbath, there was much to do in preparation for His burial. (Luke 23.44)
- B. The emotional element of His burial.
  1. Joseph was courageous. (Mark 15.43; 14.64)
  2. Pilate was surprised. (Mark 15.44)
  3. The body of Jesus was respected. (Mark 15.46)
- C. The legal element of His burial.
  1. The tomb was sealed and guarded. (Matt. 27.63,64)
  2. They wanted to make sure the body stayed there.

#### II. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

- A. The evidence of His resurrection.
  1. The stone that was placed in front of the tomb had been rolled away. Who moved it? (Mark 16.1-4; John 20.1)
  2. The body of Jesus was missing. Who moved the body? (Mark 16.6,7; Matt. 27.64)
- B. The impact of His resurrection.
  1. The impact the resurrection had on Peter who had denied Him three times. (Mark 16.7; Luke 24.34)
  2. Because of the resurrection, you can look forward with confidence of your home in heaven. (1 Pet. 1.3-5)
  3. Because of the resurrection, you can look backwards without concern of your past sins. (1 Pet. 3.21)

**CONCLUSION:** After His resurrection, Jesus ascended back to the Father and is there for you. (Rom. 8.34)

## THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

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*'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.*

*The children were dressing to crawl into bed.  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.*

*When out of the East there arose such a clatter.  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray  
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!*

*The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said "it's not here" my head hung in shame.*

*The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without a sound.  
While all the rest were left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.*

*In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes the last call  
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!*