

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER**  
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**February 22, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements Ron Mock

**MEDITATION**

Romans 14:13-16 (on opposite page)

Psalm 150 responsively

Scripture

Prayer

Hymn 11 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 17, 18 "Our Great Savior"

Message The Word of God Demands Practice

James 1:19-27 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 348 "My Savior's Love" Benediction

**THE MINISTRY OF MISSION**

**For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.**

**WESTMINSTER CATECHISM**

Quest. 48. What are we specially taught by these words, before me in the first commandment?

Ans. 48. These words before me in the first commandment teach us, That God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God. Ezek. 8:5-18.

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck

Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin

Wednesday Bible study at 9:30am with Jim O'Rourke

Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was

Choir practice Thursday at 7pm – Soprano, Tenor, Alto, Bass

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz  
Community Prayer Meeting at Whitehaven Baptist Monday at 7pm

<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way. <sup>14</sup> I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that *there is* nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. <sup>15</sup> Yet if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil.

Paul is saying that the weak should not judge the strong but rather make sure that they do not place a stumbling block or occasion to fall in his brother's way.

In the fourteenth verse Paul sides with the strong when he says that there is nothing unclean of itself. There is not any food on earth that is inherently defiling. If he sees the item as unclean, but eats it anyway, then that person has done wrong. If he can violate his conscience on a small matter, he will soon be violating it on a big matter.

Verse 15 provides an admonition. Paul urges the strong not to destroy the weak brother by exercising his own freedom where the weaker brother cannot continue. This is especially true in the matter of alcohol. A strong believer may invite a weak believer to drink with him, and thus in so doing cause that weak believer to begin a course of life that will destroy him.

Finally, in verse 16 Paul says that the position of the strong is good. But do not do those things that will cause you to be criticized and misunderstood. I always cringe when those who are celebrities known for their wild antics let others know that they are Christians. Paul anticipated this, and thus reminds us that one of our biggest responsibilities for believers is to avoid criticism—criticism will hurt the cause of Christ.