

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER**  
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**March 1, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements Ron Mock

Today is a day of prayer

**MEDITATION**

Romans 14:17-20 (on opposite page)

Scripture Psalm 145 responsively  
Prayer  
Hymns 303, 305 vs1, 4  
Pastoral Prayer  
Hymn 302 "Lamb of God"  
Communion Hymn 308  
Message The Word of God Demands Practice part II  
James 1:19-27 Pastor Cal VanderMey  
Hymn 517 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" 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**

Question 49: What is the Second Commandment?

Answer: The Second Commandment is: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**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  
Prayer Meeting here at the BFC Monday at 7pm  
Ladies Luncheon March 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon

“The Kingdom of God is Not a Set of Rules”

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, <sup>18</sup> because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. <sup>20</sup> Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble

Verse 17 records the great principle. The kingdom of God is not founded upon the distinctions between what you eat and what you do not eat. The kingdom of God is not a set of rules and legalistic ceremonies. Rather it is righteousness, peace, and joy. And it is found in the Holy Spirit. If you look back to chapter 5, you will see that this fourteenth chapter is a summary of the truth of the fifth chapter.

Verse 18 makes a meaningful application of the truth found in verse 17. If you want to do any teaching, for instance, do not go out and teach about meats and rules. What are you to teach? You are to teach and preach righteousness. If you do this, you are acceptable to God, and you will be approved of men.

Verse 19 concludes this section which is addressed to the strong. The word edify means “to build up.” Paul says to both classes, “For meat destroy not the work of God.” The work of God is the church. The church should not be broken up over controversies that have no theological bearing, yet that is what so often happens.