

# The Kingdom is Not Concerned About Food & Drink Rules



Yes, it's religion that's concerned with these things. The Kingdom has no religion in it at all.

Paul taught on this: **The kingdom of God is not a matter of rules about food and drink**, but is in the realm of the Holy Spirit, filled with righteousness, peace, and joy. <sup>1</sup>

He also taught that observing special days was very immature for sons: *But now that we truly know him and understand how deeply we're loved by him, why would we, even for a moment, consider turning back to those weak and feeble principles of religion, as though we were still subject to them? Why would we want to go backwards into the bondage of religion—scrupulously observing rituals like special days,[a] celebrations of the new moon, annual festivals, and sacred years?* <sup>2</sup>

He then went on to say how concerned he was that they were doing these religious things: *I'm so alarmed about you that I'm beginning to wonder if my labor in ministry among you was a waste of time!* <sup>3</sup>

Brian Simmons points out that the modern trend of Christian Jewishness is totally unnecessary:

*“There is no requirement for gentiles to become like Jews and observe Jewish ordinances in order to draw closer to God. Our approach to God is always on the basis of grace and faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath.”* <sup>4</sup>

In another place Brian Simmons adds more information about this type of religious activity:

*“Even today in many cultures of the world, there are two things that cause division and spark debates among religious people. The observance of “special days” (fasts, feasts, Sabbaths, days of prayer, etc.) and dietary restrictions (kosher versus non-kosher). Paul addresses both of these cultural issues as examples of things that can divide us. In every culture there are religious traditions that are observed in varying degrees. As believers, our one tradition must be to love and not offend by*

1 – Romans 14:17 (TPT)

2 – Galatians 4:9-10 (TPT)

3 – Galatians 4:11 (TPT)

4 – Footnote: [classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+4%3A9-10&version=TPT#en-TPT-10452](http://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+4%3A9-10&version=TPT#en-TPT-10452)

*deliberate actions that demonstrate insensitivity to others. The overarching message Paul brings in Romans 14 is that we are obligated to walk in love and not put our preferences above love's calling to honor others. These principles are to be applied in every cultural distinction in the body of Christ.”<sup>5</sup>*

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5 – Footnote to Romans 14:16 (TPT) [classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2014:16-18&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9615a](http://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2014:16-18&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9615a)