

# ***DUBIOUS CERTAINTIES***



If Jesus is our Lord, we are rooted and grounded in only a few things of which we are certain:

By faith we are certain that Jesus died on that cross to break the power of sin, death and the devil.

We are certain by faith that Jesus rose from the dead as the Firstborn of the New Creation.

We are certain by faith that Jesus is now Lord of heaven and earth.

We are certain by faith that Jesus will soon return to judge the living and the dead.

We are certain that Jesus calls all who follow him to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow him.

Yet there are things of which some believers are certain of, that other believers simply do not believe.

Doctrinal certainties.

Prophetic certainties.

Political certainties.

Public health certainties.

Certainties about modes of worship, forms of baptism.



When other followers of Jesus see it differently...

### **The wisest thing we can do is back off from our certainty.**

We need to confess before the Lord Jesus that we could actually be wrong and those other believers could be right.

Any “certainty” that falls outside the essential gospel from Jesus’ mouth may not be a certainty at all.

Any “certainty” which is not shared by all committed disciples of Jesus may not be a certainty at all.

At the present hour the Body of Christ is being torn apart by “certainties” which never came from the Master’s mouth.

### **These “certainties” do not require faith, they require repentance.**



***Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.***

***One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let every one be fully convinced in his own mind.***

***He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.***

***None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.***

***If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.***

***For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.***

***Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;***

**for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."**

**So each of us shall give account of himself to God.**

**Then let us no more pass judgment on one another, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.**

**Romans 14:4-13**



*Prayer: Holy Lord, we mourn all the division in the church at this time. It's tearing us up, dividing us. Gracious Lord, forgive us for being part of this division. Help us to lay down our certainties as readily as we say we are willing to lay down our lives for you. Help us to lay down any attitude that keeps us from loving who you call us to love. Keep us from being stumbling blocks and hindrances to our brothers and sisters. Instead help us to hold onto the certainties you call us to... to seek you, to draw close to you, to love you and to love and honor one another. Oh Lord, help us to live for you with every word that comes from our mouths and with every interaction in our lives. Make it easy for us to let go of our certainties... because we trust you, because we know you are in control and because we are yours.*

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