

**Weak and Strong:
Let's All Get Along**
Romans 14:1-12

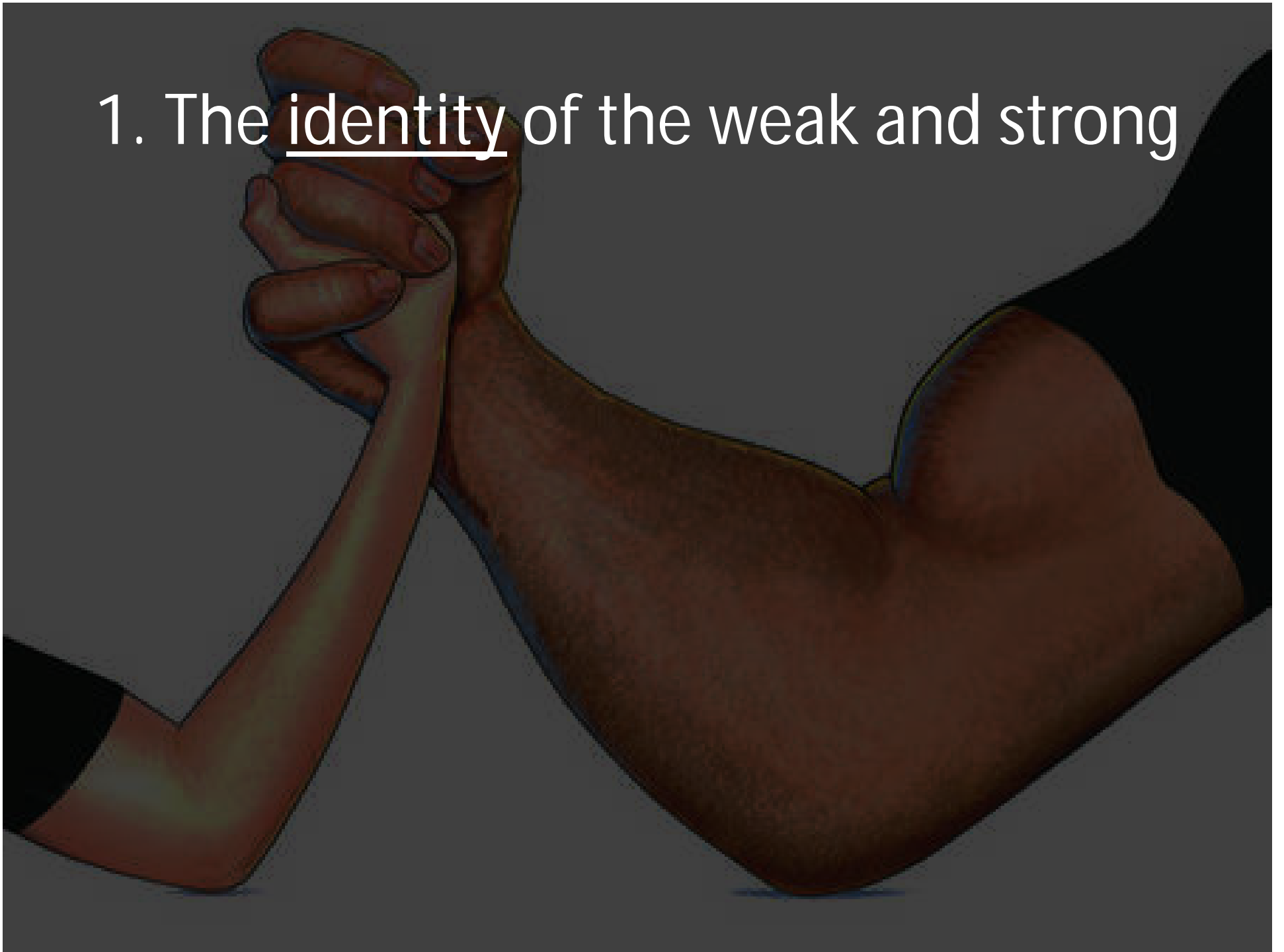




Four parts to this discussion

- 14:1-12 Both strong and weak must accept one another
- 14:13-23 The strong must be careful not to cause the weak to stumble
- 15:1-6 The strong must support the weak
- 15:7-13 Both strong and weak must accept one another

1. The identity of the weak and strong



An illustration of two arms wrestling. The arm on the left is thin and pale, while the arm on the right is thick and muscular, dark brown in color. The background is a dark grey gradient.

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- Vs. 17, 21 those who drink wine
and those who do not



Who are these two groups?

- *Weak in the faith*

Jewish (and some Gentile) Christians still feeling a strong sense of loyalty to the Mosaic Law.

- *Strong in the faith*

Gentile (and some Jewish) Christians who felt no continuing obligation to the Mosaic Law.

An illustration on a dark grey background showing two hands. A larger, darker-skinned hand is positioned to support a smaller, lighter-skinned hand. The larger hand's fingers are wrapped around the wrist of the smaller hand, symbolizing strength and support. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

2. The responsibility of the weak and strong

- Vs. 1 accept one another

An illustration of two hands shaking, symbolizing agreement or support. The hands are rendered in a dark, almost black color with some highlights, set against a dark grey background. The hands are positioned in the center-left of the frame, with the fingers interlocked in a firm grip. The background is a solid dark grey, and the overall tone is somber and professional.

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- Vs. 6-9 trust one another

3. The accountability of the weak and strong



An illustration showing a large, muscular hand of a darker-skinned person firmly grasping the smaller, thinner hand of a lighter-skinned person. The background is a dark, muted grey. The text is overlaid on this image.

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Vs. 10-12

do not judge your brother
God is his Judge
and yours