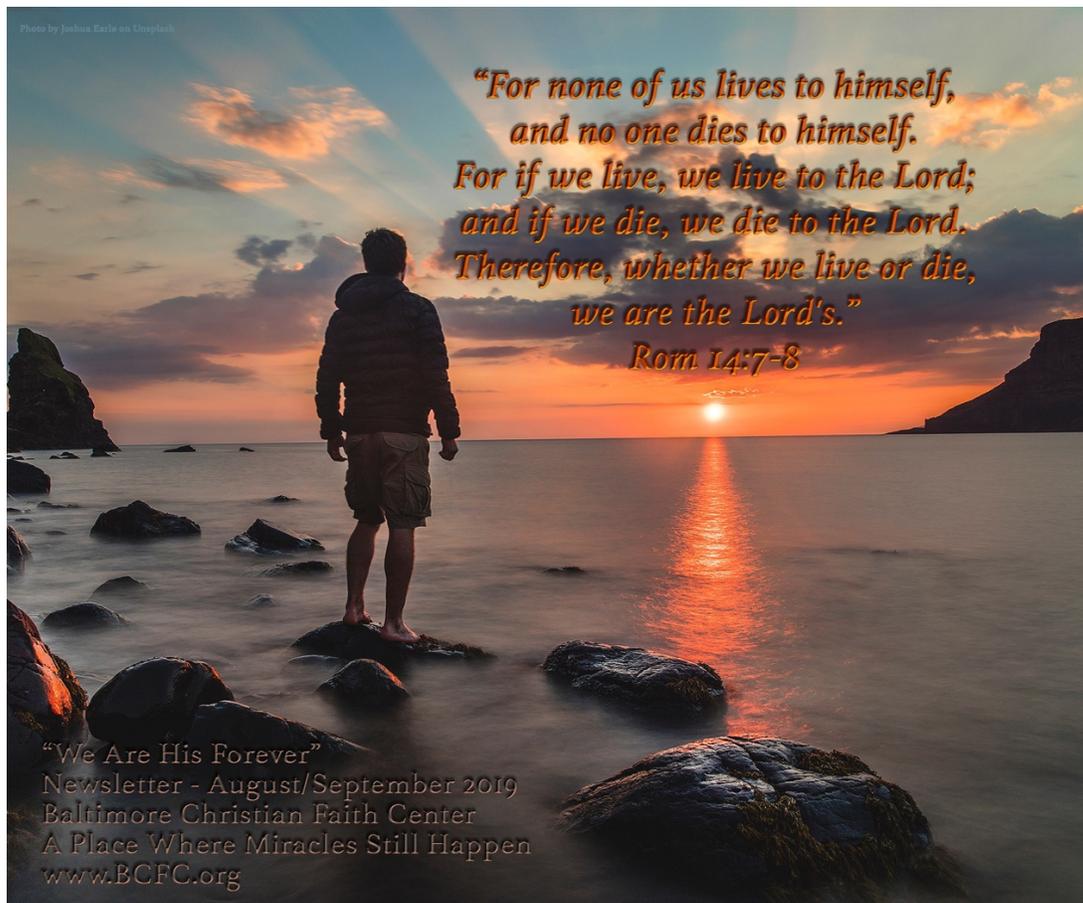


# We Are His Forever

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*"For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." — Rom 14:7-8*

The key to this beautiful chapter, so full of sound judgment and sanctified common sense, is the reiterated reference which the Apostle makes to the Lord, which occurs some ten times in fourteen verses. Our Lord Jesus, being Lord both of the living and those who are living on the other side, is the solution of the difficulty as to what a Christian should do, and how they should live. Let each of us stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, and we shall have a definitive guide for conduct.

The question agitated in Rome was the observance of the seventh or first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath; and what principle should direct the use of food—that of Leviticus, or of frequent use. The Apostle insists that these are not questions that affect either our own salvation or our acceptance with God. In his opinion, they are matters for each Christian to settle and decide for him/herself. There are specific questions clear as light, or black as night, about which there can be no controversy; but there are other questions for the solution of which each must apply one or other of these general principles for guidance through the maze.

What would Jesus Christ, my Lord and Master, wish me to do? I am His servant, and He will let me know His will by the teaching of His Spirit in my heart. Whether I act or forbear, it must be done unto Him; and in my liberty or abstinence, I must give Him thanks.

What is best for others? I influence over some; perhaps more look to me for guidance than I know. I must be on my guard not to put a stumbling block in another's way. Though certain things are innocent to me, yet, if they destroy, directly or indirectly, one for whom Christ died, it will be better for me to abstain from them.

What is best for myself? I ask God not to lead me into temptation, but I must not put myself into it. I must put aside all weights as well as sins, that I may follow Christ as He goes forth to the conquest of evil. In all we do, we do for the Lord. We are all humble servants, here to do His will - both in this life and forever. Glory be to His name!

In Him,  
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