

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 4/29/12

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Verses 15-19 talk about the freedom they have to slaughter and eat meat that is not being offered as a sacrifice. V. 16 prohibits the eating of the blood even in these non-sacrificial meals. What is the symbolism of the blood that makes it so important? In light of Gen. 9.3-5 and Acts 15.19-20, should Christians abstain from eating or drinking blood today? What helps you sort that out? What principles can guide your interpretation of Scripture? (Make sure that this is a conversation where we listen to one another and NOT a time to try to convince everyone that you are right about this puzzling issue)

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