

“A Working Outline for 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1”

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Celebrating the Centrality of Christ in the Local Assembly

I. Christian Liberty in relation to pagan worship (8:1-11:1)

A. The principle stated - The principle of brotherly love (8)

The basis for Christian conduct; love, not knowledge; the relationship of love to knowledge.

B. The principle illustrated - The regulation of privilege (9:1-27 [Freedom to restrict our freedom])

Paul's apostolic defense; the apostle's example of the voluntary restriction of liberties.

1. Rights that Paul did not use (vv. 1-14)
 - a. As an apostle (vv. 1-6)
 - b. As a human being (vv. 7-10)
 - c. As a minister (vv. 11-14)
2. Reasons why Paul did not use his rights (vv. 15-18)
 - a. His motivation (v. 15)
 - b. His responsibility (v. 16)
 - c. His reward (vv. 17, 18)
3. Rights that Paul did use (vv. 19-27)
 - a. Right to serve (vv. 19-21)
 - b. Right to be flexible (vv. 22, 23)
 - c. Right to excel (vv. 24-27)

C. The principle applied - The application to idolatry (10:1-11:1)

1. The dangers involved (10:1-22)
 - a. An Old Testament Illustration (vv. 1-5).
 - b. An immediate application (vv. 6-11).
 - i. Christ in the Old Testament
 - ii. The sin of idolatry
 - iii. The wages of sin is death
 - c. A final exhortation (vv. 12-14 [“Wherefore”])
 - i. Abandon yourself to God (v. 12).
 - ii. Believe there is hope (v. 13).
 - iii. Flee idolatry (v. 14).
 - d. The Biblical prohibition (vv. 14-22 [the danger of compromise])
 - i. The admonition to flee from idolatry (v. 14)
 - ii. The argument to the wise/strong against participation (vv. 15-20)

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1. The participation in the Lord's Supper (vv. 16, 17). Christians with Christ.
 2. The participation in the Old Testament sacrifices (v. 18). The Israelites with the sacrifice.
 - iii. The application of the principle to idol feasts (vv. 19, 20a).
 2. The demand for awareness (10:23-11:1 [the summary of general principles for governing their conduct {The Christian and non-believers}])
 - a. The principle for using Christian Freedom (vv. 23-30)
 - i. The principles repeated (vv. 23, 24)
 1. edification over gratification (v. 23)
 2. others over self (v. 24)
 - ii. The principles illustrated (vv. 25-30 [the danger of legalism])
 1. liberty over legalism (vv. 25-27)
 2. condescension over condemnation (vv. 28-30)
 - b. The purpose of Christian Freedom (vv. 31-32)
 - c. The pattern for Christian Freedom (10:33-11:1)
 - i. The glory of God - The pattern to do all to God's glory (v. 31 [Do everything to the glory of God])
 - ii. The good of man - The pattern to maintain proper relations to all men (vv. 32, 33 [Give no offense])
 - iii. The godly example - The pattern to follow the apostolic example (11:1 [Be followers of Paul])
- II. Christian Liberty in relation to Christian worship (11:2-14:40)
 - A. The state of women in worship (11:2-16)
 - B. The state of Christians at the Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
 - C. The state of spiritual gifts (12-14)