All In Means Plugged In – Galatians 5:13-15 – September 11, 2022

Face - All In Sunday - Best | All in Mean's Plugged In - Know and Be Known | Bibles | Do Biblical...

- Focus on being plugged into this Uncommon Community As we serve one another | READ
 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Big Idea - Serving is an act of loving obedience to Christ that benefits the Kingdom of Christ

Setting stage for how we serve one another is 'Freedom' | Spend time – What it is...is not = challenge

1. Serve One Another – As an Expression of your Freedom in Christ (13)

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'Called to freedom' ⇒ Freedom from what? | I've been called to freedom...from what...nothing

- Free from the bondage of the law (Rom. 7:4) 'Died to the law through Christ' (Works)
- Free from the slavery to sin (Rom. 6:18) 'Having been set free from sin' (Condemnation) GOSPEL Because we're 'free'...does mean...can do whatever we want? No! | 3 Absolutes Christian Freedom
- a) Freedom acknowledges constraints There is no such thing as absolute freedom
 - Time Period Genealogy (want to) Natural Laws God's Ordinances
- b) Freedom operates in Truth There is such a thing as absolute Truth | Only absolute = No absolute
 - 2+2=4 | No Morality = Chaos | Gravity | You Exist | God Exists Commands Creates Redeems
- c) <u>Freedom Understands Obligations</u> There is no such thing as freedom void of responsibility
 - Husband = Lead Love Provide Protect | Father = Bring...fear...understanding
- Pastor = Preach Teach Shepherd Equip | Christian = Love God...Love Others How do we serve one another in this freedom?
- a) Never abuse freedom to justify sin Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh
- Patterns of sin in our lives that we are not fighting, but are supposing on God's grace

 Serve one another...striving righteousness Righteousness is the commodity we trade for influence

Worship - Small Group - Pastors - Elders - Deacons | Compromise righteousness = Diminish Influence

- b) Never abuse freedom to cause others to stumble Rom. 14 | 1 Cor. 8 | Gospel = Millstone

 Behaviors that cause some to doubt your character and others to fall into sin
- Freedoms we may sacrifice for the sake of others Movies | Beverages | Holidays | Food
 The same freedom that allows us to partake in an activity is the same freedom we exercise to obtain
 Amusement Park Paid the admission...rollercoaster...can/don't have too...child LOVE

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I LOVE WHAT I WANT TO DO

c) Always exercise your freedom as an act of selfless, serving love

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Why do we want you plugged in here? We all benefit – Outdoing one another in love and service

- Kids ministry Value kids being served and loved | Small Group Men's Women's Y YA
 I am not going to get up here and coax and guilt you into serving...Serve in your freedom to Christ
- 2. Serve One Another As and Obedience to the Commands of Christ (14)

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Wait...the whole law!?!? 632 Laws...in a word – If It's repeated...God's heart is close to the command

- Deuteronomy 6:5 (God) Leviticus 19:18 (Neighbor) Gospels (Love God...Love Others)
 Best way to display your love for God is to sacrificially serve and love others Obedience to Christ
 Self-love is a biblical bummer Measuring stick for how you're loving = How often are you third?

 $I'm\ looking\ for\ someone\ to\ serve\ that\ way!\ \ I\ want\ to\ exercise\ my\ freedom!\ Obey\ Christ!$

Know and be known...get plugged in – It's where people are to serve and be loved by

Metal meets meat in Christianity – Faithfully, Selflessly, Sacrificially = Cost time & Emotional capitol

- God's greatest earthly gift = Each Other | Expression freedom in Christ Obedience Commands
 - Serve One Another As a Protection to the Unity in Christ (15) | Paul's Great Illustration
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Strong Word of Caution - Sarcastic - Christian Cannibalism | Favorite place to eat - Five Guys

- Illustrate = wild beasts fighting so ferociously...tear each other apart | Paul know church people Warning against: Abuse freedom Disregard the call to righteousness Neglect command to love
- Some Legalistic 'I have a stricter obedience to righteousness, therefore, I'm holier than you are'
- Some Libertine 'I have a less obedience to righteousness, therefore, I freer than you are'

Have patience for development – understanding for differences – grace for failures

Church people hurt people because their people | 'It shouldn't happen in the church' – Right...does

Welcome without Judgment – Love without Condition – Forgive without Limits

Alternative - ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

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Can you say... 'I'm All in'

- November Baptism PCCD Membership
- Budget 255k | 250k (\$5000) | Spending \$133.41 Not equal giving but equal sacrifice
 - Prayerful Sacrificial Willful Joyful | 2 Corinthians 9
- Worship Production Hospitality Cleaning Team
- Small Groups
- Men's Saturday 8am Timothy & Titus
- Women's East = Monday 6:30 | West Tuesday's 6:30 | Here Wednesdays 9:30am Daniel
- Young Adults Sept. 26th Mondays 6:30 Meal | 7:30 Study | Relationships
- Youth Every Other Wednesdays | Sundays | Events once a month
- Kids Need 8 more people

Do Biblical Things...Expect Biblical Outcomes

Serve one another: Freedom in Christ – Obedience to the Commands – Protect the Unity
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