

# L81 | I Corinthians | Christian Contentment | I Cor. 7:17-24

## I. Intro/Review:

- Addressing questions on marriage, intimacy due to the various cases that existed
- Avoid Fornication
  - Have own wife or husband
  - Render due benevolence - defraud not
  - Consent for a time
- Permission & Commandment
  - Single remain so - unless you burn
  - Married do not depart or put away
    - If you have - 1) remain unmarried, 2) be reconciled
  - Married to Unbeliever
    - Not unequally yoked
    - If unbelieving spouse pleased to dwell than stay married
      - Marital Sanctification
      - Family Sanctification
    - If unbelieving spouse depart not under bondage to stay

## II. Preview:

- Paul addresses more "cases" in which to abide in
- A foremost text to reveal God isn't manipulating "cases" today. There are "cases" more righteous or just than others, but we are able to be obedient and faithful in any "case".
- Outline |
  - a. :17 - The Distribution of God and Use of Your Case
  - b. :18-19 - Case of Uncircumcision and Circumcision
  - c. :20 - Abide in Calling
  - d. :21-23 - Case of Servant or Free
  - e. :24 - Abide in Calling

## III. Sermon:

{1 Cor. 7:17 - "But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches."

- "But" - adverse conjunction
  - "as God hath distributed to every man,"
  - "as the Lord hath called every one,"
- "distributed" - divide; apportion
  - **Romans 12:3-8** - "...according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

- **1 Corinthians 12:11** - "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will."
- Change, but leaves us in such a case, and the change to affect our case
  1. Sin & The Body - dead to sin but still left in this mortal body with sin in it
    - Romans 6
  2. Evil World - be not conformed yet we live in the world
    - Romans 12
    - Philippians 2
  3. Estate - certain case that may not be favorable, but can be used
    - Philippians 4
    - i.e. - married to an unbeliever
- When you were washed, sanctified, and justified that change of your eternal estate before God is to influence the temporary estate before men.
  - The temporary estate one is in becomes what God distributes as the Lord hath called everyone.
  - In other words, the power of the wisdom of God isn't in changing your case, but producing change within your case.
    - Therefore, God works in the world not directly by change, but by changing the hearts of men effecting the case they are in.
    - Works as a leavening....
    - Peace - 1 Cor. 7:15
      - ◇ Rom. 12:18
      - ◇ Rom. 14:19
      - ◇ 2 Cor. 13:11
      - ◇ Heb. 12:14
      - ◇ Jas. 3:15
      - ◇ 2 Tim. 2:24-26
- **"so let him walk."**
  - Walk in that which has been apportioned to you
  - God can sanctify within, he doesn't need a social revolution
- **"And so ordain I in all churches."**
  - Impact upon all churches
    - Ephesians 4-5
    - Col. 3-4
    - 1 Tim. 6

**{1 Cor. 7:18} - "Is any man called being circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised."**

- How can one become uncircumcised?
  - Actual a physical procedure
  - Customs and traditions
- Question really isn't how one could become uncircumcised, that would miss the point, the point is if your circumcised don't become uncircumcised and vice versa.

**{1 Co. 7:19} - "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God."**

- The issue isn't the states and cases, but faithfulness and obedience in those states and cases.

**{1 Cor. 7:20} - "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called."**

**{1 Cor. 7:21} - "Art thou called being a servant? Care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather."**

**{1 Cor. 7:22} - "For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant."**

#### **IV. Conclusion:**