

# L86 | I Corinthians | The Apostleship of Paul | I Cor. 9:1-14

## I. Intro/Review:

- Corinthians Problems
- The Abuse of Christian Liberty
  - Charity

## II. Preview:

- The Examination of Paul's Apostleship
- 1 Cor. 9:1-2 | Reproof
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- 1 Cor. 9:1-2 | Reproof
  - What he is, seen, and done?
- 1 Cor. 9:3-14
  - What is to his power? (:3-6)
    - Examples (:7-10)
      1. The soldier
      2. The husbandmen
      3. The shepherd
      4. The law and the ox
    - The contrast of sowing spiritual things to carnal things (:11)
    - Others be partakers of this power (:12)
    - What God ordained of this power (:13-14)

## III. Sermon:

**{1 Corinthians 9:1-2} Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.**

- Reproof - thinking
- The objection to him and the anticipation of further rejection based upon what he has given
- One of the items in which they had questions about
- What Paul is, seen, and done
  - What Paul is?
    - "Am I not an apostle?"
    - "Am I not free?"
  - What Paul has seen?

- "have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?"
- What Paul has done?
  - "are not ye my work in the Lord?"
- The evidence of Paul's apostleship
  - "If I be not an apostle unto others,"
    - "yet doubtless I am to you:"
  - "for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord."

**{1 Corinthians 9:3} Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, Have we not power to eat and to drink? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?**

- What is to his power or within his power?
  - "have"
  - **"Have we not power to eat and to drink?"**
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  - **"Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?"**
    - **"Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?"**

**{1 Corinthians 9:7-10} Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.**

- Examples of the use of this power
  - "who"?
  - **"who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?"**
    - The Soldier
      - Luke 3:14 - "...soldiers...and be content with your wages."
      - 2 Tim. 2:3-4 - "hardness..."
      - 2 Cor. 10:4 - "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,..."
      - 1 Tim. 1:18 - "that thou by them mightest ware a good warfare;"
    - From within and without
      - 2 Cor. 11:28 - "beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."
  - **"who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof?"**

- The Husbandman
  - John 15:1 - "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman."
  - 2 Tim. 2:6 - "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits."
  - Jas. 5:7 - "...Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth,"
- **"or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"**
- The Shepherd
  - Acts 20:28-29 - "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock...wolves...not sparing the flock."
  - Heb. 13:17 - "rule over you...for they watch for your souls"
  - 1 Pet. 5:2-3 - "Feed the flock of God...ensamples to the flock."

**{1 Corinthians 9:11} If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?**

- The contrast of spiritual things and carnal things - which is greater

**{1 Corinthians 9:12} If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.**

- Paul's humility and great charity
- Just as he didn't use his Christian liberty nor does he use this power

**{1 Corinthians 9:13} Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?**

- The care of the priesthood to the care of those that "preach the gospel".

**{1 Corinthians 9:14} Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

#### IV. Conclusion: