

# 1st Corinthians 9:19-23

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19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;

20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;

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21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;

22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.



# 1 Corinthians 9

## **Not About The Meat:**

Laying down our freedoms in Christ is about loving others more than we love ourself.

Laying down our freedoms in Christ is for building up the kingdom of God and bearing with our weaker brothers and sisters in Christ.

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## It's Not About The Meat:

He Defended His Right to Receive Support (**9:1–14**)

He Defended His Right to Refuse Support (**9:15–18**)

For the sinners' sake (**9:19–23**)

For his own sake (**9:24-27**)

**1 Corinthians 9:19** For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to everyone, so that I may win more [for Christ]. AMP

**Pointed Paradox:** Free from all and slave to all

Laying down our freedoms in Christ is about loving

**Profound Purpose:** Maewyn Succat

**1 Corinthians 9:20-21** **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews [for Christ]; to men under the Law, [I became] as one under the Law, though not being under the Law myself, so that I might win those who are under the Law. **21** To those who are without (outside) the Law, [I became] as one without the Law, though [I am] not without the law of God, but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. AMP

## 1 Corinthians 9:20-21

1. Participated in Jewish purification ceremonies (**Acts 21:23-26**), had Timothy circumcise (**Acts 16:3**)
2. Did not participate in Jewish law with Gentiles (**Gal 2:11-14; Col 2:11,16**).
3. Born a Jew (**Phil 3:5**), but a new creation (**2 Cor 5:17**) no longer Jew or Greek
4. Christ is the end of the law (**Rom 10:4, Eph 2:15**)

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5. The believer is not under the law but under grace (**Rom 6:14**).

6. Championed Christian liberty (**Gal 2:4; 5:13**).

7. Had a great burden for his own people (**Rom. 9:1–3; 10:1**)

8. Appointed an apostle primarily to the Gentiles (**Eph. 3:8, Gal 2:7-9**),

9. Preached to both Jews and Greeks (**Acts 20:21**)

## 1 Corinthians 9:20-21

He did not parade his liberty before the Jews,  
Nor did he impose the Law on the Gentiles.

“Freedom is not license to do what I want, but liberation to do what I ought.” (Green)

**1 Corinthians 9:22** To the weak I became [as the] weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means [in any and every way] save some [by leading them to faith in Jesus Christ]. AMP

Same Gospel, same message (**1 Cor1:22-23**)

The gain of even “some” is worth the expenditure of “all means.” - Jamieson, R., Fausset

**1 Corinthians 9:23** And I do all this for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings along with you. AMP

**John 3 vs John 4, Matthew 11:18-19**

How do you sacrifice and serve to live out the gospel?

Pray, depend, love, live, and preach.



“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)