

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford  
**1 Corinthians 7:17-24 Sermon Outline**  
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*Theme: Abide in Christ As You Are*

***I. Remain Faithful Where Called***

***1 Corinthians 7:17***

- ***God calls people in every circumstance***
- ***Remove sin, not necessarily your situation***
- ***Live for Christ where He has placed you***
- ***Your transformed life becomes your testimony***

***II. Circumcision Required?***

***1 Corinthians 7:18-20***

- ***Salvation is by faith, not religious rituals***
- ***Circumcision never produced righteousness***
- ***External markers do not save***
- ***Faith in Christ produces loving obedience***
- ***Keep the commandments of God through faith and love***

***III. Serve Christ, Not Circumstances***

***1 Corinthians 7:21-24***

- ***Earthly status does not define your identity***
- ***Slavery to sin is the deepest bondage***
- ***Freedom in Christ surpasses outward circumstances***
- ***Christ purchased us with His blood***
- ***Remain with God wherever He has called you***

***IV. Conclusion***

- ***Circumstances change, Christ remains***
- ***Your calling is greater than your condition***
- ***Abide in Christ above all else***
- ***Whatever your lot, it is well with your soul***

## **Scripture Cross References (NKJV)**

### **1 Corinthians 7:17-24**

**Luke 8:39:** *“Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done.*

**Acts 15:1:** *“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”*

**Galatians 5:2-4:** *“Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing... You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”*

**1 John 3:23:** *“And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.”*

**1 John 5:3:** *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”*

**Romans 12:9:** *“Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.”*

**Romans 5:8:** *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

**1 John 3:8:** *“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”*

**Hebrews 2:14-15:** *“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”*