1 Corinthians 9

Chapter 9 deals with Paul's "rights" as an apostle, and how he is to be supported by the church. This is a great example of how to habdle Christian liberty.

Pauls view of liberty – Liberty isn't liscense to do what I want, but the freedom to do what I should.

V1 4 questions

1. Am I Not an apostle? – Yes, brings ceertian rights and respect
2. Am I not free? Yes –those in minoistry have liberty .
3. Have I not seen the Lord? Yes a priviledge many haven't had
4. Are ye not my work? Yes- Paul was their spirfitual father

V2-6

The Cor. Church is living proof of Pauls ministry.

Examine- to judge, negative

Power- the right, authority, and liberty see Chpt 8(-13

V5 not arguing the right to marry, but to have family along in ministry

"as well as others" points to other apostles with families

V6 right to be supported in ministry

V7 3 Illustrations to point out that apostles have rights

1. vine keeper, 2. Shepherd, 3. Famer

V8-11 those in miistry should be supported by those they minister to

V9 cf. Dt. 25:4

V11 Direct applkication to the church at Cor.

V12-14 principle drawn from the OT(Lev. 7:6, 8:10-14, 28-36). Those in service to the Lord should be supported by the ones ministered to. NOTE some abused it 1Sam 2:12-17

V15 Pauls personal choice not to take salary or support, he worked and supported himself, Acts 18:1-3

V16-19 Paul willingly preaches the gospel becasuwe it has been committed to him, and that he has the desire to be free from any accusation of not serving.

V20-23 proper use of liberty allows us to minister to anyone- liberty isn't freedom to sin but to serve

Pau was able to minister in many different situations

V24-27 self discipline is necessary in service- be temporate, run with ceretianty, keep self in subjection

1 Corinthians 10

Paul has argued that the strong should be concerned about the weak, and gave a personal example of him properly exercising liberty. Chpt. 10 the example of Israel is given to sow that just because God's people are highly priviledged they may not see blessing because of disobedience. Israel saw great works and blessing from God, yet of the orginao group only Joshua and Caleb entered the promised land.

POINT- we have blessings , which lead to liberty- don't abuse it

V1 "moreover" ties in with chpt 9.

Don't be ignortant- lit. look at the examples God has preserved in His word

NOTE "fathers" and "all" – all shared in spiritual and physical blessings, saw miracles, yet fell

"under the cloud" ref to divine protection. This section alos establishes a connection between Israel and Gentile believers- there is a spiritual unity. This is explaned in RO 11.

Blessings- the cloud

Passed through the sea- a time of deliverance in despair

Baptized unto Moses- identified with Moses

V3 spiritual mea/drinkt- provision of the Lord during testing

V6-12- Learn jthe lessons of Israel, God will deal with sin

NOTE- types true types are God given, not just a divice for preaching, Everything is not a type, true types are clarified in the NT- ex. The Rock, OT sacrifices

A servant sent to find a wife for Isaac is not a type of bus mininsty to bring in the lost

16-22- be careful with things clearly pagan v20-21

V23-principle while something may not be prohibited by scripture it may not be

1. expedient-helpful, profitable, contributr to order

2. edify- build up and strengthen/encourage

V24 seek to encourage and edify others

V25-30 principles for questionable things

1. Use liberty wisely

2. Use liberty for edification

3. Liberty is not for self gratification

4. Be concerned about others when using liberty v29-30. Be moree concerned about glorifying God than using liberty