

1 Corinthians

Gospel-Centered Living in a Sin-Centered World

Section 3: Liberty and the Gospel

Free to Serve

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Introduction

Proverbs 11:30b (NKJV) — 30b ... he who wins souls is wise.

Free to Serve Everyone (19-22a)

Exodus 21:2–6 (NKJV) — 2 If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing. **3** If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. **4** If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. **5** But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' **6** then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

Those who are Jewish (20a)

Romans 9:1–3 (NKJV) — 1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, **2** that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

Romans 10:1 (NKJV) — 1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

2 Corinthians 11:24 (NKJV) — 24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

Those who are Legalists (20b)

Galatians 4:4–5 (NKJV) — 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Those who are Liberals (21)

Mark 12:30–31 (NKJV) — 30 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. **31** And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Those who are Weak (22a)

So Someone can be Saved (22b-23)

Conclusion

Matthew 11:19a (NKJV) — 19a The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ...

Philippians 2:5–8 (NKJV) — 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Mark 10:44–45 (NKJV) — 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."