

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: Biblical Freedom

PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 9:1-27

DATE: May 2, 2021

- I. Paul's authority questioned (vs. 1-2)**
- II. Paul's defense of his rights (vs. 3-14)**
- III. The freeing power of the gospel (vs. 12b, 15-18)**
- IV. The compelling strategy of love (vs. 19-27)**
 - A. Use your freedom to lovingly serve others so the gospel can advance.
 - "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." – Martin Luther
 - "You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." – Galatians 5:13
 - B. Discern the right balance between bending without compromising.
 - "Paul could not modify the gospel itself according to the particular characteristics of his hearers. The whole of his concern is to make clear that the changeless gospel empowers him to be free to change his stance."
 - C. Live self-controlled and fully devoted

Benediction

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. – Galatians 5:1,13-15

Small Group Discussion Guide