

**\*“CHRISTIAN LIBERTY” IS NOT A LICENSE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT**

**PASSAGES IN ROMANS 13-15**

**WHICH REFUTE THE IDEA THAT LIBERTY or FREEDOM IN CHRIST MEANS THAT WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE “HAVE PEACE” ABOUT DOING:<sup>1</sup>**

- Rom. 13:10 – *“Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”*
- Rom. 14:7 – *“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”*
- Rom. 14:13 – *“Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.”*
- Rom. 14:15 – *“But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.”*
- Rom. 14:17 – *“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”*
- Rom. 14:19 – *“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify (build up) another.”*
- Rom. 14:20 – *“For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.”*
- Rom. 14:21 – *“It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.”*
- Rom. 15:1 – *“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves.”*
- Rom. 15:2 – *“Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.”*
- Rom. 15:3 – *“For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.”*
- Rom. 15:4-6 – *“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded (i.e. like Christ) one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**PASSAGES IN I CORINTHIANS 6-11**

**WHICH REFUTE THE IDEA THAT LIBERTY or FREEDOM IN CHRIST MEANS WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE HAVE “PEACE” ABOUT DOING:**

- 1 Cor. 6:12 – *“All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient (i.e. profitable): all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.”*
- 1 Cor. 8:9 – *“But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.”*
- 1 Cor. 8:13 – *“Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.”*

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<sup>1</sup> Compiled by Mike Edwards, Madison, Ohio, 2015, revised May 2021. All verses taken from the King James Version.

- **1 Cor. 9:4-7** – *“Have we not power to eat and to drink? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges (expense)? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?”*
- **1 Cor. 9:12** – *“If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.”*
- **1 Cor. 9:15** – *“But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.”*
- **1 Cor. 9:19** – *“For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.”*
- **1 Cor. 9:24** – *“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain.”*
- **1 Cor. 9:25** – *“And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.”*
- **1 Cor. 9:27** – *“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (disqualified).”*
- **1 Cor. 10:23** – *“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.”*
- **1 Cor. 10:24** – *“Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s wealth.”*
- **1 Cor. 10:31** – *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”*
- **1 Cor. 10:32** – *“Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God...”*
- **1 Cor. 10:33** – *“Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit but the profit of many, that they may be saved.”*

**A FINAL RELATED QUESTION:**

**“ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW PAUL’S EXAMPLE?”**

- **1 Cor. 4:16** – *“Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.”*
- **1 Cor. 11:1** – *“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”<sup>2</sup>*
- **Phil. 3:17** – *“Brethren, be followers together of me...”*
- **Phil. 4:9** – *“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”*

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<sup>2</sup> Note: A careful study of Christ’s life will evidence a similar—in fact FAR SUPERIOR—example of a servant attitude and willingness to forego His legitimate rights and entitlements in order to redeem mankind! e.g. Matt. 20:25-28; John 13:1-16; Phil. 2:3-11, etc..