

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (PT. 3)

I. UNDERSTANDING THIS PASSAGE/ ISSUE (Romans 14:1-15:13)

A. **Christian Liberty Defined.....**“Christian liberty involves the practice of _____ things. These include areas of personal conscience and conviction that are not clearly commanded or condemned in the Word of God.”

B. **Christians Liberty Is Not...**

II. UNDERSTANDING ITS PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL DISCORD WITHIN THE ASSEMBLY

A. **The _____ for Potential Discord**

1. There are differences due to the differing _____
 2. There are differences due to differing levels of _____
- How does this kind of thinking affect the church today?
 - What was the main reason for these differences?

B. **The Entrance of Those Who Differ into the Church...** (How are you to respond to them?) (14:3)

1. Paul's *Command* – You are to “_____ *them*” ... heartily into the assembly
 2. Paul's *Caution* here - “...*But not to* _____ *over* _____ *things*” (14:1b)
 1. We are not to receive weaker believers in order to _____ on their personal _____ & _____ that _____ from ours.
 2. What two ways were believers _____ each other here?
 - a. The stronger tended to “_____” the weaker (14:3a)
 - b. The weaker tended to “_____” the stronger (14:3b)
- What had they forgotten about fellow believers in Christ? (14:3c)

C. **Some Principles Concerning the Use of our Personal Liberty:**

1. You need to stop passing _____ on other believers in the use of their personal liberty because believers are the Lord's _____, not yours.

2. You need to remember that each believer _____ in approval, or _____ in disapproval to his _____, not to you. (and Christ is our master!)

3. You need to realize that God is _____ to make another believer _____, so _____!

D. Some Questions to Stimulate our Thinking in the Use of Our Personal Liberty:

1. Will this activity _____ me from _____ the precepts, principles, & priorities of the WOG?

2. Is this activity _____ by the WOG?

3. Is this activity _____ and _____? (1 Corinthians 6:12a)

4. Will this activity _____ or _____ me? (1 Corinthians 6:12b)

5. Will this activity cause another to _____? (1 Corinthians 8:1-13)

• Four things to be remembered about Christian liberty:

a) God did not free us to do whatever _____, as this is just selfishness or _____ thinking.

b) It is not freedom to _____ as we please, as this attitude brings practical _____ to the sin nature (& no _____)

c) Our freedom should _____ be restricted by law, creed, or men as this often leads to _____.

d) It is freedom to be & do all that _____ wants us to be & do in order to _____ (by His grave & through His Spirit)

6. Can I honestly do this to the _____? (1 Corinthians 10:23-24, 31-33)

7. Am I using my liberty in Christ as _____, or am I _____ in _____ as unto the Lord? (Galatians 5:13-16)