

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (PT. 4)

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. **Christian Liberty is not...**

II. UNDERSTANDING ITS PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL DISCORD WITHIN THE ASSEMBLY

III. UNDERSTANDING SOME PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE USE OF OUR LIBERTY IN CHRIST

A. **Principle # 1 Has To Do With Our Personal _____ To God ...** in relation to others & their use of questionable things (14:4)....we need to realize that God can _____ another _____ ... so relax!

B. **Principle # 2 Has To Do With Each Believer's Personal _____...** here each believer must be _____ in his/her _____ before the Lord concerning their use of their own personal liberty (14:5)

C. **Then We Asked Some Questions In Evaluating The Use Of Your Own Liberty In Christ.**
(guidelines to _____ our thinking here)

1. Will this _____ from fulfilling the precepts, principles, and priorities of the WOG?
2. Is this activity _____ by the WOG?
3. Is this _____ and _____ for me?
4. Will this activity _____ or _____ me in life?
5. Will this activity _____ another believer?
6. Can I honestly do this to the _____?
7. Am I using my liberty as _____ or am I _____ in love as unto the Lord?

D. **Principle # 3 Has To Do With The Believer's Divine _____ (14:6-12)**

1. Paul's example in vs 6 has to do with differing opinions about _____ & _____.
- A key phrase concerning our accountability in this verse is ... “_____”
 - This phrase indicates that these believers had an attitude that desired to _____ the Lord!

- What does this teach us about true spirituality?

2. Paul in verses 7-8 explains the reasons and conclusion we are to do this!

The reasons:

Vs 7 tells us it's not about _____!

Vs 8a tells us it's about doing whatever..... as _____!

Vs 8b tells us we do what we do ... because we _____

- How did our belonging to the Lord come about?

3. What is the **end in view** in Christ's death and resurrection for us? (14:9)

- What does this imply?

- What does this highlight or magnify?

4. His **exhortation** toward the weaker believer is... "*Why do you _____ your brother?*", while the strong believer is challenged... "*why do you _____ for your brother?*" (14:10)

- What is the *reason* for this extortive rebuke?

- How is vs 10 supported? Is it Paul's opinion? (14:11)

5. What is the **end/conclusion** of this section (14:12) ... "*so then _____ shall give an _____ of _____ to _____*"

- What does this all mean to you?