

December 1/Day 335

1 Corinthians 9

Verses 1-2

- If you have ever tried to live your life under the law, like Paul, and then receive the free gift of salvation through faith in Jesus, you too, will say you are free!

Verses 3-7

- What did Paul say in his defense?

Verses 8-14

- Paul is speaking of earning a living as a minister.

Verses 15-18

- For what is Paul under compulsion?

Verses 19-23

- Paul has spoken often of not being a people-pleaser. In what way and for what purpose does he say he has become slave of all?
- Is he saying he was acting as a hypocrite?

Verses 24-27

- Would Paul, as a Roman citizen know anything about sports? About running and boxing and competing in games?
- How are we to run our race?
- My name means “crown of laurel leaves”. Can you picture Julius Caesar with a wreath upon his head? This is the perishable prize, the trophy of which Paul is speaking. What is our imperishable wreath?
- Thinking about all the things Paul has said about immorality and the body belonging to the Lord, in what way could he become disqualified?

1 Corinthians 10

Verses 1-5

- What does this have to do with the context of being disqualified? Remember, chapter and verse divisions were added later.

Verses 6-13

- Why did these things happen?
- What were the only things to which the people were devoted?
- What should a person who thinks he stands be careful about?
- What are we told about temptation?

Verses 14-22

- From what are we to flee?
- What culprit is behind every idol?
- So, when there is idolatry in our lives, who are we actually serving?
- Why would this provoke the Lord to jealousy? Jealousy is wanting something back which once belonged to you.

Verses 23-30

- Paul has already mentioned the things in verse 23. He is no longer under the law, but some things are not profitable, some things do not build up.
- Again, he is using the meat sacrificed to idols as an example.

Verses 31-33

- I'm certain you have heard verse 31. Does it help to have some context?

1 Corinthians 11

Verse 1

- Was Paul seeking followers for himself? Why should they imitate him?

Verses 2-16

- What does the headship umbrella look like?
- In those days, a woman with a shaved head was a known temple prostitute. Does this historical context help understand this passage?
- Paul was known to grow his hair long for a Nazarite vow. The things mentioned here were cultural in this historical setting.

Verses 17-22

- Divisions and factions were two characteristics mentioned in Galatians 5 which indicate a person is not a believer and will not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

- Why does verse 19 say factions make evident?

Verses 23-26

- What is the purpose of the Lord's Supper?

Verses 27-32

- What is the danger to taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner?
- What had happened to some who did this?

Verses 33-34

- Should the Lord's Supper be used as a meal for the hungry?

See you tomorrow.