

“Some Biblical Principles Regarding Christian Liberty”

(Sunday Morning May 3rd. 2026)

Passage: 1 Corinthians 8:1-9

1 Cor 10:19-20 “19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.”

The Bible is not primarily a book of rules; the Bible is primarily a book of p _____, because if it was a book of rules, we would need a rule for every issue we face.

I. The Biblical Principle of E _____

Personally, I think there is something to be said for both styles of Christian music; I heard one Pastor refer to hymns and “H _____ Music” and to praise songs as “H _____ Music.”

Phil 2:3-4 “3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others”

II. The Biblical Principle of E _____

Heb 10:22 “let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience” (NIV)

Saint Augustine of Hippo, who was a very influential Christian back in ancient times said it like this; he said, “In e _____ unity, in n _____ liberty, and in all things c _____.”

Rom 14:21 “It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles.”
Prov 23:29-30 “9 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? 30 Those who linger long over wine, those who go to taste mixed wine”

III. The Biblical Principle of E _____

1 Cor 9:19 “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.”

a. Paul Gave Up Some of His M _____ L _____

1 Thes 5:22 “Abstain from all appearances of evil” (KJV)

b. Paul Gave Up Some of His F _____ B _____

c. Paul Gave Up Some of His P _____ R _____

1 Cor 9:5 “Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?”

IV. The Biblical Principle of E_____

1 Cor 10:25 "Eat anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake"

1 Cor 10:27-28 "27 If one of the unbelievers invites you and you want to go, eat anything that is set before you without asking questions for conscience' sake. 28 But if anyone says to you, 'This is meat sacrificed to idols,' do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake"

a. First, We Should be Careful Not to Pass Judgment Upon Other Believers if They Disagree With Us About N_____

Rom 14:4 "Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand"

b. Second, the Weaker Brother Most Likely Refers to a New Christian Not a L_____

Luke 18:11-12 "11 The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'"

V. The Biblical Principle of E_____

1 Cor 10:23 "All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify"

1 Cor 6:12 "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything"

1 Cor 10:12 (Turn and Read)

In that verse, Paul essentially says that we should never o_____ our ability to control our Christian liberty./

VI. The Biblical Principle of E_____

1 Cor 10:31 "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"

Eph 1:5-6 "5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved"

1 John 2:3 "By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments"

Under the new covenant, we are no long obligated to keep the ceremonial law or dietary laws, but the ten commandments represent God's m_____ a_____.

Gal 3:24 "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith"