

"THE RIGHTS OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS"
1 Corinthians 9:1-27

Independent Baptist Church of the NY
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Introduction: From chapter eight we have learned the principle that a believer must not exert his right if by exerting that right it would be to the spiritual detriment of another believer for whom Christ died. Paul told the "strong" believers in Corinth, who had "knowledge," that they should be ready to abandon their rights for the spiritual benefit of others. Here in chapter nine Paul proceeds to tell the Corinthians that he himself has consistently applied this principle demonstrating that he practices what he preaches - He isn't guilty of simply talking the talk but he is one who walks the walk.

I. PAUL'S RIGHTS AS AN APOSTLE RECOGNIZED

A. Paul's Rights CLAIMED Through Questions - 1 Corinthians 9:1-2

- ▶ **"AM I NOT FREE?"**
- ▶ **"AM I NOT AN APOSTLE?"**
- ▶ **"HAVE I NOT SEEN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD?"**
- ▶ **"ARE YOU NOT MY WORK IN THE LORD?"**

B. Paul's Rights LISTED Through Logic - 1 Cor. 9:3-6

1. The right to physical SUSTENANCE
2. The right to minister with a believing WIFE
3. The right to refrain from physical LABOUR

C. Paul's Rights LEGITIMIZED Through Appeal - 1 Cor. 9:7-14

1. An appeal from LIFE
 - ▶ THE DAILY MAINTENANCE OF A SOLDIER
 - ▶ THE DAILY MAINTENANCE OF A VINEDRESSER
 - ▶ THE DAILY MAINTENANCE OF A SHEPHERD
2. An appeal from SCRIPTURE -verses 8-10

FORWARD FOR FAITH AND BELIEF
IN CHANGING TIMES

3. An appeal from _____ -verse 11

4. An appeal from _____ -verse 12

5. An appeal from _____ -verse 13

6. An appeal from _____ -verse 14

1ST PRINCIPLE: The Christian worker has the right to be _____ and
_____ supported by the Christian Church.

2ND PRINCIPLE: The Christian Church has the _____ to
support God ordained workers.