

**"THE RIGHTS OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS"  
PART 2**

Independent Baptist - Keeseville, NY  
Sunday @ 6:00 pm - May 2nd, 2010

1 Corinthians 9:15-27 - continued

**Introduction:** One of the most fundamental principles in the life of a Christian is the principle Paul has put forth in 1 Corinthians 8:9, "***BUT BEWARE LEST SOMEHOW THIS LIBERTY OF YOURS BECOME A STUMBLING BLOCK TO THOSE WHO ARE WEAK.***" Reworded the principle states, "a believer in Jesus Christ ought never exercise his right if it is to the detriment of another believer." The context of chapter 8 was that a believer has every right to eat meat that had been offered to an idol, but if doing so caused another to stumble he ought not to exercise his right. Paul now takes that principle and applies it to his own life. We have seen in 1 Corinthians 9:1-14 that Paul's right to receive financial support from the Christian Church was unquestionable. Now in verses 15-27 he will take the principle of chapter 8 and apply it to the maximum to his own rights.

***I. PAUL'S RIGHTS AS AN APOSTLE RECOGNIZED - 9:1-14***

***II. PAUL'S RIGHTS AS AN APOSTLE RELINQUISHED - 9:15-27***

**IN VIEW OF...**

**A. His DUTY ~ PREACH THE GOSPEL - vvs 15-18  
"...NECESSITY IS LAID UPON ME..."**

***To preach the Gospel for Paul was not an option - it was an obligation  
To preach the Gospel without charge was an option - not an obligation***

**IN VIEW OF...**

**B. His DESIRE ~ REACH THE LOST - vvs 19-23  
"...THAT I MIGHT BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME..."**

**IN VIEW OF...**

**C. His \_\_\_\_\_ ~ \_\_\_\_\_ *THE CROWN* - vs 24-27**  
***"...EVERYONE WHO COMPETES FOR THE PRIZE IS TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS..."***