

*A Right Doesn't Make It Right*  
*1 Corinthians 10:23-33*

Believers today struggle to know what \_\_\_\_\_ Christ has secured for us and how we may \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them appropriately. So did the 1<sup>st</sup> Christians.

For years, Jews had strict \_\_\_\_\_ laws. Their diet authenticated their \_\_\_\_\_. When Gentiles became Christians, many Jews believed that Gentiles had to follow Jewish law to be \_\_\_\_\_. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Christians understood that Gentiles did not have to follow Jewish law—that salvation was solely based on \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as Savior and becoming His disciple.

Many Christian Jews concluded they had the right to \_\_\_\_\_ dietary laws. Others did not. Still others believed Christians did not have the right to eat meat associated with the animal sacrifices offered to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Shared meals became difficult. 1 Cor. 10:23-33 addresses this issue and can help us address our own struggles with freedom, rights, and responsibilities.

Paul agreed that because of Jesus's death, we are free from any laws to secure our \_\_\_\_\_. **Rom. 8:1-2** says, "there is now no \_\_\_\_\_ for those who are in Christ Jesus" because you are free from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and death."

But with rights came \_\_\_\_\_. In God's kingdom, that means keeping \_\_\_\_\_ in mind. We balance our rights with our responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_.

Our overarching responsibility is to do all for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The glory of God is His love for humanity shown in the \_\_\_\_\_—the greatest act of sacrificing one's right for the sake of another—the same thing in which we are told to glory.

We can't add to God's glory, only \_\_\_\_\_ it—make it visible to those who can't seem to see it. Jesus did so by taking \_\_\_\_\_ rather than demanding rights. So, thank God for your rights and your freedom. But take responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_!