

# CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY

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## REVIEW QUESTIONS

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### 1 CORINTHIANS 8 - 9

#### **1) List the main points of these chapters.**

The question here is how should a believer use his Christian liberty. Love for ones brother in Christ should be the motivating factor in using Christian liberty.

#### **2) What is Paul's position regarding eating meat that has been sacrificed to idols? (8:8)**

Idolatry and pagan sacrifices permeated all levels of Greek and Roman society.

Live your testimony with loving concern for your brother but do not make an issue of meat sold in the market. Eat it as a gift from God.

The larger question is how does not conduct oneself in a non-Christian society.

Remember that the idol before which it was sacrificed and the god it represents are actually nothing

#### **3) How does eating meat offend my brother? (8:13)**

The danger is that when one sees you eat someone who is not in Christ may see it and then be encouraged to do something that is against his conscience. This can lead to spiritual weakness for your brother/sister. It weakens the faith of another. See v. 13

#### **4) What is the importance of Paul's apostleship? (9:2)**

Paul contends that he is an apostle and state that it is because (1) he has seen the Lord, and (2) the working of signs and wonders (2 Cor.12:12). The Corinthians were the fruit of his work. "You certify my apostleship."

#### **5) What does Paul mean when he says "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox"? (9:9)**

It was Paul's practice to support himself materially by tent making in order not to be a burden to the church. Yet, Paul asserts that he has a right to be supported. V.7 the shepherd drinks milk from flock, vineyard keeper eats grapes, soldier supported at public expense. See Deut.25:4

#### **6) Paul claims to be free. What kind of freedom is it? Are there limitations on his freedom? (9:1, 19-23). "I am free from all men, but I have enslaved myself to all." Paul says he became like one having the law and took his place in their culture in order to reach them.**

### **7) How important is Paul's preaching? (9:16)**

Paul is convinced that "woe" would descend on him through God's judgment if he did not preach. There is reward or pay in preaching. If he preaches voluntarily he has a reward. If not he is merely fulfilling the commission entrusted to him. Paul wants to prove the genuineness of his ministry.

### **8) What is the great danger of Paul's preaching? (9:27)**

The ancient *keryx* was the herald in the Greek games who announced the rules of the contest, but the Christian herald, preacher not only announces the rules but plays in the game as well. Paul had not only to preach the gospel but to live the gospel.

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