

## Freedom in Christ

1 Corinthians 6:12

### Introduction:

- A. What is the judge of correct reasoning or logic?
  1. C\_\_\_\_\_ is a game of logic.
  2. C\_\_\_\_\_ from scripture should never become doctrine
    - a. Since Jesus is God and the Father is God, Jesus prayed to Himself.
    - b. Since we are free in Christ, we can do anything we want.
  3. God's w\_\_\_\_\_ is the judge of what is reasonable or logical because God's reasoning is b\_\_\_\_\_ our reasoning (Isaiah 55:8,9)
- B. Paul explains the teaching on freedom in Christ
  1. What does it mean to be free in Christ? (Jn 8:31-36)
  2. How do I exercise that freedom?

### Freedom from external rules

*All things are lawful for me*

- A. Are not rules part of everyday life?
  1. D\_\_\_\_\_ laws
  2. Rules of c\_\_\_\_\_ on a school bus
  3. Subdivision associations have rules
- B. God gave the people of Israel a covenant of rules known as the Laws of M\_\_\_\_\_. Why?
  1. To reveal one's s\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 3:20; Rom 7:7,8; Phil 3:6)
  2. To show the need for J\_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 3:24)
- C. The New Covenant
  1. F\_\_\_\_\_ the Old Covenant through what Jesus did for us (Rom 8:3,4)
  2. Is not written on stone but on our h\_\_\_\_\_ (Jer 31:31-24)
  3. Is a relationship with God through Jesus Christ
    - a. Are we free from the Ten Commandments?
    - b. Are we free from all rules?
    - c. What is written on our hearts? (see the role of the Holy Spirit – Rom 8:14; 1 Cor 6:19; Gal 5:17)

### Live by God's principles

*All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything*

- A. How Paul acted was based on two guiding principles
1. Is it b\_\_\_\_\_? (the Greek word literally means “bring together” and is translated as “better” in Matt 18:6)
    - a. What if a Moslem invited you into his house? Would you expose the soles of your feet if you knew that this would offend him? (see I Cor 9:22)
    - b. Do not do anything that would entice a fellow believer to s\_\_\_\_\_ into sin (Rom 13:13)
    - c. Do what is beneficial to God and those around you.
  2. Does it m\_\_\_\_\_ me?
    - a. The test of whether something masters you – go without it for 30 days.
    - b. This does not apply to n\_\_\_\_\_ (insulin, water, nutrition, oxygen).
- B. Only the L\_\_\_\_\_ is to be our master.

**Conclusion:**

- A. This freedom we have in Christ is:
1. R\_\_\_\_\_ living not burdensome (Matt 11: 28-30)
  2. A\_\_\_\_\_ living not lacking (Jn 10:10)
  3. L\_\_\_\_\_ from sinful living not a license to sin (Jn 8:36)
- B. What life are you living?