

Information for my message on Sunday at Ebenezer ~Carl Cassel

Text: 1 Corinthians 9

Title: Using Our Freedom for the Benefit of Others

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Because we are God's people, we freely make no use of our rights,
but we make ourselves slaves to all despite how hard that is.

(Let's think about this in three parts.)

1. Because we are God's people, we freely make no use of our rights.

1 Corinthians 8:13-9:14

Paul had rights as an apostle.

Common sense and God's Word teach that workmen benefit
from their work

Paul made no use of his rights (vv. 12, 15) and neither should we.

2. Because we are God's people, we make ourselves slaves to all.

1 Corinthians 9:15-23

We make ourselves slaves of all that we might win more
to Christ as Paul did. vv. 15-22

We make ourselves slaves of all that we might fellowship
deeply with fellow believers as Paul did. vv. 23; 8:11-13

3. Because we are God's people, we make no use of our rights for
the benefit of others because this is the life-style of eternal life.

Conclusion

Because we are God's people, we freely make no use of our rights,
but we make ourselves slaves to all despite how hard that is.

- * "As God's people" means all who have received grace and are forgiven
through Jesus Christ should have this outlook
- * This life style is not commanded, but it is eternal life.
- * Failure to forego our rights reduces our benefit to others and puts us
in danger of ruin in our lives. Read 1 Corinthians 10 for next Sunday.