

Introduction – *Badwater U.M.*

A Study of 1 Corinthians

Part IV: FREEDOM!

Week 1: Knowledge AND what you do with that knowledge are BOTH crucial!

Week 2: "I've got rights...but I choose not to exercise them."

THIS WEEK – 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

"I have become all things to all people."

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- Dude is crazy! v. 19
- The process of becoming like another. v. 20-22
- Two reasons to do this. v. 23

The condescension of Jesus Christ

"I pummel myself."

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- Run rightly. v. 24
- There a big diff! v. 25
- "I pummel myself for good reason." v.26-27

Application – *"So, what now?"*

1. Have you made the decision to be on a mission with Jesus?
2. To what lengths are you willing to sacrifice your own _____, in order to help others experience God?

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Philippians 2:5-9

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Acts 16:1-3

1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Acts 21:23-26

23 Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; 24 take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. 25 But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality." 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

2 Corinthians 11:24

24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.