

## 1 Corinthians 9

### 1. Review

#### 1-2

1. This chapter can seem out of place, but what Paul is doing is showing the Corinthians that he is practicing what he preaches. He is willing to give up his apostolic privileges to win others to the Gospel.
2. To do this Paul has 16 rhetorical questions in the first 14 verses.
3. The Corinthians were proof (seal) of Paul's apostleship.
  - a. Paul laid the foundation for them. Thus, you could say he was their father compared to other areas where other apostles went and spread the Gospel.
    - i. Romans 15:20-21

#### 3-14

1. What rights does Paul have?
  - a. Compensation (v.4)
  - b. A wife who is also taken care of (v.5)
2. What evidence does Paul have to say he has these rights?
  - a. What the other apostles and evangelist receive.
    - i. "the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?"
  - b. General knowledge of how the world works.
    - i. Soldiers
    - ii. Farmer
    - iii. Shepherd
  - c. From the Law
    - i. "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain" (Deut 25:4).
    - ii. Priests at the temple

### 15-23

1. Notice here Paul only speaks for himself.
2. For Paul preaching the Gospel was simply a discharging of the debt laid upon him.
  - a. Two kinds of debt:
    - i. Borrow money from someone.
    - ii. When someone entrusts you with money to give to someone else.
  - b. Two ways to go about a task
    - i. As a free person.
      1. Entitled to a reward.
    - ii. As an involuntary conscript.
      1. Luke 17:7-10
      2. Acts 9:15-16
3. Thus, Paul is saying he has no choice but to proclaim the Gospel.

### 19-23

1. Paul shows how he adopted his mission strategy to 4 groups of people
  - a. The Jews
    - i. Timothy vs. Titus
  - b. Those under the Law (Gentile God-fearing people)
  - c. Those without the Law (Gentiles)
  - d. The weak (financially and/or harking back to chapter 8)
2. What two laws is Paul talking about in verse 21?
3. Can you think of examples of Paul doing this?

### 24-27

1. The Isthmian games took place in Corinth.
2. Paul is calling Christians to give up whatever does not serve the Gospel.
3. Notice once again this eschatological view Paul wants the Corinthians to have.