

Christian Liberty

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Chapter 14

Christian liberty is the freedom to do whatever I want to do, so long as it is inside the boundaries of society's laws, because I am saved by God's grace and thus free from any biblical "restrictions". It is my weapon of defense toward anyone that might try to restrict my freedoms and my rights. It is my foundation to combat the legalists that try to guilt me into living a holy, separated, sanctified life for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is my justification to do those things of the world, which are entertaining and flesh satisfying.

No, in fact it is quite the opposite, although the majority of "Christianity" today might just as well make the above statement, Christian liberty is freedom to edify the saints and to be obedient to the Word of God.

Many times Romans chapter 14 is applied across the board to any action or worldly involvement that a Christian may come across. The fact is, it is addressing two things in specific; one, the dietary practices of a Christian and secondly, the observance of one day above another or other religious rites. Both of these things, as scripture explains to us, are not bound by the law and are not ungodly in themselves. As a matter of fact, we are asked the question, "Why dost thou judge thy brother?", reiteration the real unimportance of such things.

It in no way addresses issues of separation, Godly living, or other issues doctrinal in nature. Scripture is very clear in many places as to these issues, where there is no room to declare personal freedom.

It is not focusing on one's self, but on that brother that might be offended or spiritually hindered by our actions or practices, even in these things of unimportance. Our goal and duty is not to do what we have the right to do, but to do those things that have the ability to edify another. In fact, we are instructed to not to do anything that might cause offend of cause our brother to stumble. Again, the focus is on the edification of the saints, not on our rights and freedoms.

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