

1 CORINTHIANS 7:17-24

{Sunday, February 12, 2017 A.D.}

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

... **you are not your own** ... **you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God** ...

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

¹ Now **concerning the things about which you wrote**,

Romans 7:4

⁴ ... **you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ**, so that **you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead**, in order that **we might bear fruit for God**.

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf**, so that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him**.

Ephesians 5:8-10

⁸ for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light **in the Lord**; **walk as children of Light** ⁹ (for **the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth**), ¹⁰ trying to **learn what is pleasing to the Lord**.

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹ And this I pray, that **your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment**, ¹⁰ so that you may **approve the things that are excellent**, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; ¹¹ **having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God**.

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¹⁷ Only, **as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk**.

And so **I direct** in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was any man called *when he was already* circumcised? He is not to become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? He is not to be circumcised.

¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing,

but *what matters is* **the keeping of the commandments of God**.

²⁰ Each man **must remain in that condition in which he was called**. ²¹ Were you called while a slave? Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather do that. ²² For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is the Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is Christ's slave.

²³ **You were bought with a price**; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴ Brethren, **each one is to remain with God in that condition in which he was called**.

²⁵ Now concerning virgins **I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.** ²⁶ I think then that this is **good in view of the present distress,** that it is **good for a man to remain as he is.** ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you. ²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none; ³⁰ and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess; ³¹ and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for **the form of this world is passing away.**

³² But **I want you to be free from concern.** One who is **unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;** ³³ but **one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,** ³⁴ and *his interests* are **divided.**

The woman who is **unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit;** but one who is **married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.**

³⁵ **This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you,** but to promote what is appropriate and *to secure* **undistracted devotion to the Lord.**

³⁶ But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly toward his virgin *daughter*, if she is past her youth, and if it must be so, **let him do what he wishes, he does not sin; let her marry.**

³⁷ But **he who stands firm in his heart, being under no constraint, but has authority over his own will, and has decided this in his own heart, to keep his own virgin daughter, he will do well.**

³⁸ So then **both he who gives his own virgin daughter in marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage will do better.**

³⁹ **A wife is bound as long as her husband lives;** but if her husband is **dead,** she is **free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.**

⁴⁰ But in my opinion she is happier if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.