

The Sacrificial Life Involves Sacrificing Freedom for Fellowship

Romans 14:13-15:6

I. What's the Secret to Establishing Genuine Christian Unity? - v13-20

A. By not allowing your freedom in Christ to H_____ others. - v13-15

1. What's freedom in Christ?

a. What it is not.

b. Examples of opinion matters.

2. Bible Example: The Food Eating Question. - Acts 10:9-16

a. What was the issue? - v14

b. What were they encouraged to do? - 15:1

3. What happens when you offend a brother? - v15 & 20

B. By conducting yourself in a way so no one could S_____ against your lifestyle. - v16-20

1. What is the kingdom of God? - v17

a. Living in righteousness means _____.

b. Living in peace means _____.

c. Living in joy means _____.

2. What is the result of this type of living? - v18

II. Why Can't the Other Guy Take the Initiative? - v21-23

A. Because he can't participate without C_____ S_____. - v23

1. Example: The Instrument in Worship Issue.

2. Why can't the Non Instrument person take the initiative?

B. Because you can A_____ without committing sin. - v20-22

III. So - How Can You Take the Initiative? - 5:1-6

A. By deciding who you want to please. - v1-3

1. The option you don't have. - v1

2. Example: The Social Drinking Issue. - I Timothy 3:8 & 5:23

3. What does 5:3 emphasize?

B. What happens when you genuinely live to please your brother? - v2, 5-6

Would you be willing to sacrifice some freedoms to win a person to the Lord or encourage a brother's faith?

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