



COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Offer Hope. Grow in Community. Be the Church.

Communion Sunday

HE HAD NO RIGHTS

He had no rights:

No right to a soft bed, and a well-laid table;

*No right to a home of His own, a place where His own
pleasure might be sought;*

*No right to choose pleasant, congenial companions,
those who could understand Him and sympathize with
Him;*

*No right to shrink away from filth and sin, to pull His
garments closer around Him and turn aside to walk in
cleaner paths;*

*No right to be understood and appreciated; no, not by
those upon whom He had poured out a double portion
of His love;*

*No right even never to be forsaken by His Father, the
One who meant more than all to Him.*

*His only right was silently to endure shame, spitting,
blows; to take His place as a sinner at the dock; to bear
my sins in anguish on the cross.*

He had no rights. (Mabel Williamson)

1 Corinthians 9:19-27: Live for the Eternal Rewards

JOY

Jesus

Others

You

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

“The great principal incumbent on all Christians, with a view to the salvation of others, is to go as far as one can without untruthfulness in the direction of finding points of resemblance and contact with those to whom we would commend the Gospel.

There is a base counterfeit of this apostolic example, which slurs over distinctive beliefs, and weakly tries to please everybody by differing from nobody. That trimming to catch all winds never gains any. Mr. Facing-both-ways is not a powerful evangelist. We must get near people if we would help them. Especially must we identify ourselves with them in sympathy, and seek to multiply points of assimilation, if we would draw them to Jesus Christ.”
(Alexander MacClaren)

3 Applications

Pastor Dave and church family...

1. Put the Lord first.

*For we are coworkers in God’s service... (1 Corinthians 3:9)
This then is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ... (1
Corinthians 4:1)*

2. Put others before yourself!

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. (1 Corinthians 9:19)

3. You are third.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

*...but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
(1 Corinthians 9:25)*

Four Pillars of Manhood

1. Men reject passivity.
2. Men accept responsibility.
3. Men lead courageously.
4. Men live for God's greater reward.
(from Men's Fraternity)

Never forsake THE GREAT COMMISSION for doctrinal correctness.

Three More Applications

Pastor Dave (and church family):

- Become all things to all people so that by all possible means we might save some (22)
- Run in such a way as to get eternal rewards (24)
- Discipline your body so that you won't be disqualified (27)

HOME GROUP questions for 1 Corinthians 9:19-27...

1. What do you think it means when Paul says that we should become all things to all people? Does it mean compromising our beliefs in some way? If not, how does one assimilate into a culture or group in order to influence them for the sake of the Gospel? Where does one draw the line?
2. Consider the following ways for the Christian to be all things to all people: Can you think of other ways?
 - Active listening
 - Kindness, or acts of kindness
 - Sensitivity to the culture
 - Deal with prejudice
3. Read Hebrew 12:1-3 and discuss its relevance to verses 24-27. How well do you think most Christians live up to verse 26? What will it take to reprioritize our life to run the race marked out for us with goals and purpose?