

1 Corinthians: True Freedom is Peace in Christ

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Freedom on an Edge Issue Leading to More Important Issues...[1 Cor. 10.12 - 11.15]

From last week; What priority (or lack thereof) robbed the Israelites of God's favor and salvation (?)...

1. **On the issue of meat offered to idols; when there is more at stake than just the *adiaphoron*.**
 - A. What does Paul mean by fellowship (vs. 15-22)?
 - B. Is it possible to have fellowship with a false god? What is a false god? Is God indifferent to this?
 - C. Why does Paul use the word "strong" in v. 22?

2. **When does the *adiaphoron* become NOT an *adiaphoron* (vs. 22f)?**

3. Ch.11.1-15. What is the issue that is being raised here? What does this have to do with equality under the Gospel and Christian freedom?
 1. Why does a woman wear a head covering? What would her not doing so (or shaved head) indicate?
 2. Why does a man wear no head covering? What would his having long hair or wearing one indicate?
 3. In v. 15 Paul calls this a 'custom.' Where does that fit in church practice? Is it a sin to go against the custom? Is it a sin to follow the custom? Why would one want to keep the custom? When would one want to change or do away with a custom? Why are customs or traditions important? When are they dangerous?
 4. How does the phrase "Law and Order" relate to what Paul says in 10. 23? To church tradition?