

## GOSPEL of Grace FELLOWSHIP

### 1 Corinthians 6:12-14

#### At Liberty But Not Dominated

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### Paul Cites & Negates Their Slogan

#### 1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

"All things are **lawful** for me," but not all things are **helpful**. "All things are **lawful** for me," but I will not be **dominated** by anything.

- Paul gives two qualifiers to their slogan
- "lawful" is *exestin* or "permissible"
- Word play: *exestin* 'lawful'; *exousiazō* 'dominated'

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### Their Slogan Cited Again Later

#### 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 (CSB)

"Everything is **permissible**," but not everything is **beneficial**. "Everything is **permissible**," but not everything **builds up**. No one is to seek his own good, but the good of the other person.

- The context here is food offered to idols
- Paul gives nuanced directions to help them show concern for others

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### Food Is Not a Moral Issue Immorality Is

#### 1 Corinthians 6:13 (NIV 2011)

You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The **body**, however, is not meant for **sexual immorality** but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

- They evidently used their slogan about food to justify ungodly morals

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### The Resurrection of Christ Has Implications for Believers

#### 1 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

- The Corinthians had a deficient view of spirituality and the body
- The body of the believer is not insignificant and what we do matters
- Redemption includes the whole person

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### Implications and Applications

- There are boundaries to Christian liberty
- We must not allow ourselves to be dominated by what is sinful, but love one another

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### False Liberty Creates Bondage

#### **1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)**

Live as people who are free, **not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil**, but living as servants of God.

#### **2 Peter 2:19 (CSB)**

They **promise them freedom**, but **they themselves are slaves of corruption**, since people are enslaved to whatever defeats them.

### True Freedom

#### **Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV)**

For you were **called to freedom**, brothers. Only do **not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh**, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- **Rejecting legalism is not promoting license**
- **Paul cites Leviticus 19:18**