

All Things to All Men

1 Corinthians 9:13-23

(series #34)

Intro: the common misinterpretation of this passage

- It does not justify compromising the truth

- It does not justify using a wrong methodology

- It says we must set aside non-essential barriers

I. The Basis for Supporting Ministers vv. 13-14

- A. The Pattern of the O.T. Priesthood v. 13

- B. The Lord's Command (Luke 10:1-7)

II. The Choice of Paul not to Accept vv. 15-18

- A. He was not hinting for support v. 15

- B. He was under divine obligation vv. 16-17

- C. He didn't want to hinder the gospel v. 18

III. The Principle Expanded vv. 19-23

- A. Paul's humble, servant attitude v. 19

- B. Paul's ability to relate to all people vv. 20-22a
 - 1. He could live as a Jew v. 20

 - 2. He could live as a Gentile v. 21

 - 3. He could relate to the weak v. 22a

- C. Paul's ultimate goal vv. 22b-23

Conclusion: Are we willing to set aside preferences and conveniences for the sake of the gospel and for others?