

First Corinthians 10:23-11:1
Summary of chapters 8-10

The importance of selflessness—10:23-24 (cf. 6:12)

- 1) ²³ *All things are permissible, but not everything is advantageous (to others).*
- 2) *All things are permissible, but not everything builds others up.*
- 3) ²⁴ *Let no one seek his own good, but each one (should seek) the good of the other person.*
 - a) Cf. Romans 15:1-3; Philippians 2:3-5

Three commands—10:25-29a

- 1) Eating at home—10:25-26 ²⁵ *Eat anything that is sold in the meat market,*
 - a) How? *without asking questions because of conscience,*
 - b) Why? ²⁶ *for the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.* (cf. Psalm 24:1;)
- 2) Eating at the neighbors—10:27-29a
 - a) If you are the only believer—10:27 *eat whatever is set before you^{pl}*
 - i) When? ²⁷ *But if (1st class condition) any of the unbelievers invites you^{pl}, and you^{pl} want to go,*
 - (1) Unbelievers asking Christians into their homes. What an opportunity!
 - ii) How? *without asking questions because of conscience.*
 - b) But if someone has an uneasy conscience—10:28-29a ²⁸ *But ... do not eat because of the one who told you^{pl} and because of conscience,*
 - i) When? *if (3rd class condition) anyone says to you^{pl}, "This was offered to idols,"*
 - (1) This is probably an unbeliever making the statement.
 - ii) Why? *for the earth is the Lord's and all its fullness.*" (cf. Psalm 24:1)
 - iii) ²⁹ *Conscience (moral expectation), I say, not your own but that of the other person.*

Anticipated objections (cf. 8:1-13)—10:29b-30

- 1) *For why is my freedom being judged by another conscience?*
- 2) *why am I maligned for that which I (emphatic) give thanks?*
 - a) ³⁰ *If (1st class condition) I (emphatic) partake with thankfulness (literally "grace"),*
 - i) Some people are accustomed to "Saying Grace" at meals (1st Timothy 4:4-5)

Ultimate principles—10:31-11:1

- 1) Positively—³¹ *Therefore, ... do everything for the glory of God.* (cf. 6:20)
 - rather than provoking Him to jealousy, cf. 10:22
 - a) *whether you^{pl} eat or drink, or whatever you^{pl} do,*
- 2) Negatively—³² *Give no cause of stumbling,*
 - a) To whom? *either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the congregation of God,*
 - i) There is a clear distinction between Israel and the congregation of God.
 - ii) ³³ *just as I also please everyone in all things, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be rescued.*
- 3) Positively—¹ *Be imitators of me,* (cf. 4:15-17; Philippians 3:17; 4:9)
 - a) How? *just as I also am of Christ.*