

## GAMMA 2017

### STUDY 10

#### 1 Corinthians 9

#### Am I Not Free?

### **1. What would you say are the main points of this chapter?**

*Paul's liberty as an Apostle (vv 1-14)*

*Paul's example of restricting his liberty to save others and himself*

### **2. What two things helped to verify Paul's apostleship? (vv 1-2)**

*He had seen the Lord*

*The conversion of the Corinthians*

### **3. What were two things that apostles had the right to do? (vv 5-6)**

*They had the right to take a believing wife*

*They had the right to focus on their ministry full-time*

### **4. Is it proper for a preacher to receive support from the church?**

*Yes. This practice is in reflection of the attitude the New Testament Church had in sharing everything they had (Acts 4:32-37). This practice is also given unto Paul who, writes his note of thanks to the Philippian Church (Philippians 4:10-23)*

**5. Why did Paul NOT allow this church to support him?**

*So that the Corinthian Church might not lord their giving over Paul. So that if Paul receives a reward, he might receive it for doing something willingly, not out of necessity.*

**6. How can Paul act differently toward different groups and not be considered a hypocrite?**

*He had become all things to all man, so that he might by all means, save some. His strategies may vary, but his intention is consistent: to help others understand the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

**7. In verses 24-27, the athletic metaphor is emphasized. How does this metaphor apply to our Christian lives?**