

Discerning Law From Liberty

I. Introduction:

A. We do live under a law (**Galatians 6:2**) that is called the “law of liberty” (**James 1:25; 2:12**).

1. Jesus said the truth shall make you free (**John 8:31-32**).

2. Our Lord has no desire for us to be in a law of bondage (**Galatians 5:1**).

B. Though we have plenty of freedom in Christ, we are still expected to obey Him (**John 15:10** and **Hebrews 5:5-9**).

1. We know how to please our Lord because we have the instructions on how to do so (**I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).

2. It is of great importance that we understand and do what is pleasing to God (**Ephesians 5:17** and **Colossians 1:10**) with great diligence (**Hebrews 11:6**).

II. Body: Not Using Your Liberty For A Cloak Of Maliciousness (**I Peter 2:16**).

A. We have to rightly divide the word of truth (**II Timothy 2:14-18**).

1. The law easily indicates we should get married for various reasons (**Proverbs 18:22**, **I Corinthians 7:1-5**, **I Timothy 5:14**, and **Hebrews 13:4**).

2. However, God permitted a liberty to be given (**I Corinthians 7:6-9**).

3. On the other hand, to depart is not a liberty (**I Corinthians 7:10-11**) with one exception that also gives the liberty not to marry at all (**Matthew 19:3-12**).

B. In our class we discussed how Christians should marry Christians based upon being “heirs together of the grace of life” (**I Peter 3:7**).

1. In that discussion, we noted how there is liberty that we have in this for a Christian may be married to a non-Christian (**I Corinthians 7:12-13**).

2. If it were law that a Christian could ONLY marry a Christian, repentance would require the breaking of that marriage as it did under the Old Law (**Ezra 10:1-12**).

C. Then there is the discussion of lawful, expedient, and edifying (**I Corinthians 10:23**).

1. In the first century, it was lawful to eat every creature if it was done so with thanksgiving (**I Timothy 4:1-5**).

2. Yet, there were times where it was lawful; but not expedient or edifying (**Romans 14:14-21**).

III. Conclusion: Make sure you understand and keep the right balance (**I Corinthians 7:31**). Ask yourself: Is my conduct as the Gospel indicates it should be (**Philippians 1:27**)?