

FOR HIS GLORY

This Sunday (01/16), we continue with our series in the book of 1 Corinthians (10:23-31) by looking at what motivated the Apostle Paul's response to the church in dealing with their divisiveness over the question concerning food purchased in a pagan temple.

As one follows the life and ministry of Paul, it's clear the passionate love he had for the Lord. Everything he said and did came from that love. He understood what God had done for him. Before his encounter with the risen Christ, he knew that life had been futile, empty, and infuriatingly frustrating.

One can sense it in the tone of his letters, his response to difficult doctrinal questions, and how he was always ready to intervene when a church was on the verge of heading in the wrong direction or implosion.

Though firm, his letters were never harsh or the result of him spouting off in a moment of anger. The recipient could always sense that Paul's love for his Lord was an overflowing desire to do what was in their best interest.

It's a reminder that when one has to confront a difficult situation, to do it with truth and love. The belief that God's Word is absolute truth and has an answer for every dilemma; and to always allow His love to direct you on what and how to say what is necessary.

Before he wrote his response to the church's question, Paul would have sat alone with the Lord to know His mind and will. He would not pen his letter until he had been satisfied in

knowing that what was said would not be his words but the Holy Spirit speaking through him.

What came from Paul settled the argument for both sides. “Therefore, *whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God*” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

I’ve entitled our series, in 1 Corinthians, “Living Upright in a Fallen World.” I pray the Holy Spirit will ignite a fire in our hearts. A desire to burn brightly, for Him, in a world desperate to know the power of the Gospel.

I look forward to our time together. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Calvary Chapel family.

There are several opportunities for worship. On-campus (10:00 am), drive-in church (92.1fm), and online (Facebook and YouTube: Calvary Inverness)

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