

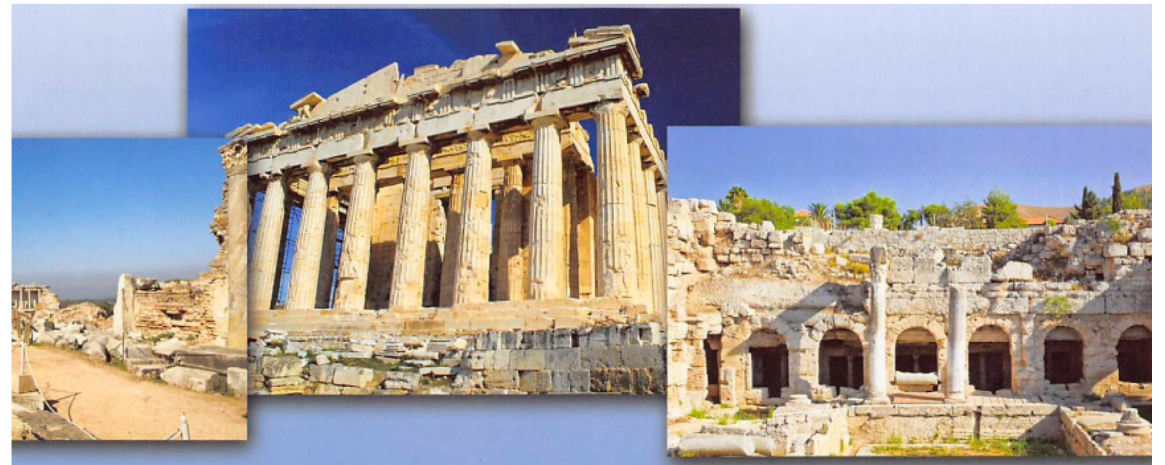
# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Announcements

- **MOB Website & Resources: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)**
- **Dec 12-15 – Christmas Concerts: The Monarch in the Manger**
- **Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Services**
  
- **April 24 – May 3, 2025**  
**Greece in the Steps of Paul**



# Please Rise

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- **Invocation/Prayer**
  - **Song:**

**I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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I will sing of my Redeemer  
And His wondrous love to me  
On the cruel cross He suffered  
From the curse to set me free

# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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Sing oh sing of my Redeemer  
With His blood He purchased me  
On the cross He sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt and made me free

# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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I will tell the wondrous story  
How my lost estate to save  
In His boundless love and mercy  
He the ransom freely gave

# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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Sing oh sing of my Redeemer  
With His blood He purchased me  
On the cross He sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt and made me free

# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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I will praise my dear Redeemer  
His triumphant power I'll tell  
How the victory He giveth  
Over sin and death and hell



# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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Sing oh sing of my Redeemer  
With His blood He purchased me  
On the cross He sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt and made me free

# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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I will sing of my Redeemer  
And His heavenly love to me  
He from death to life hath brought me  
Son of God with Him to be

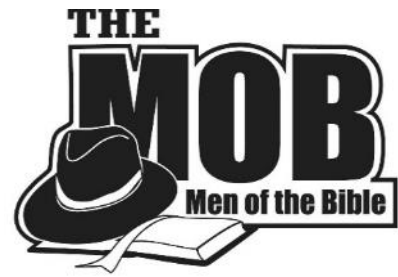
# I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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Sing oh sing of my Redeemer  
With His blood He purchased me  
On the cross He sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt and made me free

# Memory Verse



## 1 Cor 7:22 (ESV)

For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ.

# Our 1 Corinthians Study

## Last Week

- 1 Cor 7:1-16
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 7:4
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 124-137; *MacArthur*, pp. 153-158
- Refreshment Host: Group D

## Tonight

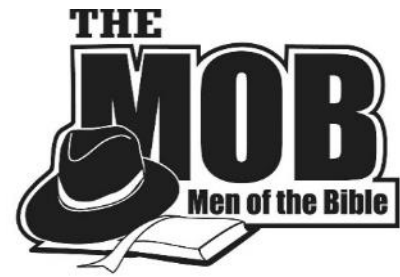
- 1 Cor 7:17-24
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 7:22
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 137-141; *MacArthur*, pp. 169-175
- Refreshment Host: Group E

# 1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1				4:21				5:1				6:20				7:1				16:4																			
<b>Divisions</b>	Report of Divisions				Reason for Divisions				Incest				Litigation Between Believers				Sexual Immorality				Counsel Concerning: Marriage				Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols				Counsel Concerning: Public Worship				Counsel Concerning: Resurrection				Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem			
<b>Topics</b>	Divisions in the Church								Disorder in the Church								Difficulties in the Church																							
	Concern								Condemnation								Counsel																							
<b>Place</b>	Written in Ephesus <b>You are Here!</b>																																							
<b>Time</b>	circa A.D. 56																																							

# Introduction

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**Paul's Principle: "stay the course"**

**Paul's Reminder: You were bought with a price**

# 1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

- “They should remain in whatever social setting they were in at the time of their call since God’s call to be in Christ transcends such settings so as to make them essentially irrelevant.” - Fee (from Constable’s notes, pg. 137)
- Paul clarified that this was this teaching for all believers – not specific to the Corinthians



# 1 Corinthians 7:18-20 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision.

<sup>19</sup>For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.

<sup>20</sup>Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called.

- “Uncircumcision”?
- Keeping the commandments of God – Paul covers this in multiple letters

# Galatians 5:1-6 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup>Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup>I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

## Romans 2:25-29 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup>For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.

<sup>26</sup>So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

<sup>27</sup>Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.

<sup>28</sup>For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical.

<sup>29</sup>But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

# 1 Corinthians 7:18-20 (ESV)

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<sup>20</sup>**Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called.**

- This was a repeated theme.

# 1 Corinthians 7:21-22 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.)

<sup>22</sup>For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ.

- “His [Paul’s] point is that, if a person is a slave, he is still able to live a Christian life. He is every bit as able to obey and serve Christ in slavery as in freedom.” – MacArthur, p. 173
- In Christ, we have been freed from slavery to sin, hell, and condemnation. Amen!

# 1 Corinthians 7:23-24 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup>You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.

<sup>24</sup>So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

- Paul brings focus back on the cross of Christ. Recall 1 Cor 6:19-20.
- Do not be slaves or be consumed with the ways of men, the philosophies of men, and all of the things the world has to offer.
- Repetition of the theme – “stay put”.

## Bought With a Price

1 Peter 1:13–19 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were **ransomed from the futile ways** inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but **with the precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

# Conclusion

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## Bought With a Price

Submit to God's Word

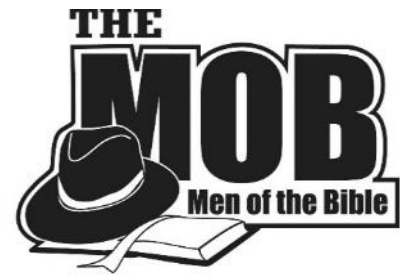
Release our grip on our own desires and seek to honor our Savior

Immerse ourselves in God's Word so that we know how we are called to submit



# Discussion & Application

## Lowell's Questions 1 of 2



- Why does the apostle Paul tell the Corinthian believers to “remain in the place where he (or she) was called”? And what’s the context of this command?
- What are some examples of things Paul said that the Corinthians should not attempt to change, and why?
- What might be some exceptions to the general principle that Paul gave about remaining in the place where they were called?
- What does related Scripture say about things that will or will not change when we become Christians?
- Is there more virtue, in Paul’s opinion, to remain single and celibate than to marry? And why or why not?

# Discussion & Application

## Lowell's Questions 2 of 2



- To what extent should a Christian should be involved In promoting social, economic and political change (in Paul's opinion)?
- Why would Paul say to slaves, in verse 21, that they “shouldn't worry about” remaining as slaves when they became believers?
- How is it that one who is called by the Lord while a slave becomes the Lord's “freedman”?
- What's the meaning and context of Paul's instruction in verse 23 that “we should not become a slave of men”?
- How would you describe your “freedom in Christ”?

# Next Meeting 12/10

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## Review

- 1 Cor 7:17-24
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 7:22
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 137-141; *MacArthur*, pp. 169-175
- Refreshment Host: Group E

## Next Week

- 1 Cor 7:25-40
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 7:38
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 141-149; *MacArthur*, pp. 177-186
- Refreshment Host: Group F

# Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

