

voked the Lord to jealousy (I Corinthians 10:22; Deuteronomy 32:21).

LIMITS OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM (I Corinthians 10:23-11:1)

Faith in Christ had brought a wonderful freedom to Paul. The mystical union in Christ resulting from faith and grace cleared away forever the external trappings and mechanics. Thus he could say: **all things are lawful for me** (23). The **all things** refers to those activities in which the Christian has freedom, such as eating a particular kind of food. Paul was free, in that his personal redemption caught up and far excelled legalistic and humanistic religious practices. Yet he again placed specific limitations on his spiritual freedom. ¹

For more on the subject of eating meat offered to idols, refer to I Corinthians 8:4-13 and the Eighth Study, pp. 41-44 of this Study Guide.

All life and every act of life must have holy motives that God in all things may be glorified (I Corinthians 10:31).

1. Name 3 people groups Paul did not want to offend. (I Corinthians 10:32)

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 8, p. 410.

Paul did not want to offend those of whom he was trying to win: in areas which were not specific (no certain command); in whether they were good or bad.