

INTRODUCTION: TURKEY SANDWICH (Life, Liberty, Happiness, 7/5/09)

I. THE TRUE NATURE OF FREEDOM (see *WCF*, chp.20, para.1,2)

A. CHRISTIAN LIBERTY: FREEDOM FROM SIN (Ex.20:1; Col.1:13; Rom.6:11; see Jn.8:34-36)

B. THE LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE: FREEDOM FROM TYRANNY (Mk7:7f; Gal5:1f; Col2:20f; 1Tm4:1f)

II. THE RIGHT USE OF FREEDOM (see *WCF*, chp.20, para.3,4)

A. USE FREEDOM TO SERVE IN LOVE BY SPIRIT (Gal.5:13f; see Mt.22:37f; Ex.20:1&2f)

B. THE RIGHT USE OF FREEDOM FROM SIN (Christian liberty)

1. *freedom for service* (Gal.5:13f; 1Pt.2:16f; see 1Cor.8:9)

2. *the six freedoms* (Gal.5:14f(Mt.22:39); Ex.20:1&14f; see Col.1:13&3:5-12; Rom.6:11f,2)

C. THE RIGHT USE OF FREEDOM FROM TYRANNY (liberty of conscience)

1. *freedom for service* (Ex.20:1&2f; Ps.119:45)

2. *the four freedoms* (Gal.5:1f; 4:8-11; see 5:13,14 w/Ex.20:1&2f(Mt.22:37); see Dan.3:18; 6:1f; Mk.7:7f; Act 5:29; Gal.5:1f; Col.2:20; 1Tm.4:1f; Acts 17:11; 2Tm.3:14-17)

III. THE NECESSARY CONNECTION BETWEEN TRUE NATURE & RIGHT USE

(Rom.6:12f,18; 1Pt.2:16; Ps.116:16; 119:44,45)

IV. ABUSES OF FREEDOM

A. CORINTHIAN (1Cor.8:8f; (9:19f,27); 10:23f,29,33; 11:33; 12:7,25; 13:1f(Gal.5:13); 14:4,26; 15:58f)

B. GALATIAN (Gal.4:9f; 5:1; also 5:13f)

C. COLOSSIAN (Col.2:8f,16f; 3:1f)

V. USE YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE GOD & YOUR NEIGHBOR! (Gal.5:13f; see Ex.20:1&2f;

Mt.22:37&39; see 1Cor.8-16)

A. PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR YOUR FREEDOMS FROM SIN AND TYRANNY!

(e.g. Col.1:13; 2:20; 3:1f; Ex.20:1&2f)

B. ENJOY YOUR FREEDOMS IN THANKFUL OBEDIENCE! (1Cor.9:1f; 10:29b,30; 1Tm.4:1f)

C. DON'T USE YOUR FREEDOMS AS AN EXCUSE FOR SIN! (Gal.5:13; 1Pt.2:16)

D. USE YOUR FREEDOMS AS A MEANS TO LOVE IN SERVICE! (Gal.5:13-26; 1Cor.8-16; Rom.14,15; Phil.2:1f; Mk.10:45; 1Th.5:15; see Mt.22:37,39)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest interest to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary *doctrinal* points of the sermon? Do you *believe* these things?
5. What are the primary *practical* points? Do you *do* these things?
6. Read Chapter 20: *Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience of The Westminster Confession of Faith.*
 - a. What is Christian liberty?
 - b. What is Liberty of Conscience?
 - c. What are the similarities and differences between them?
 - d. In the Ten Commandments, where is the foundation of liberty found?
 - e. How are the distinctions between Christian liberty and liberty of conscience reflected in the Ten Commandments? (Ex.20:1f) In the Great Commandment? (Mt.22:37-39).
 - f. How are these same things evident in Colossians? (see Col.1:13; 2:20f; 3:5f)
7. What is the right use of Christian liberty? (Gal.5:13f) What is necessary for this? Where does this necessity come from?
8. What is the right use of the liberty of conscience?
9. What is the necessary connection between the true nature of these liberties and their right use?
10. How was liberty abused in Corinth? What use does Paul constantly urge? How? (chp.13; see Gal.5:13) Where this come from? (chp.12; see Gal.5:14f) How does Paul set forth his example?