

CALLED TO BE SAINTS TOGETHER

Lord of Life

1 Corinthians 7:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷Only 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. ¹⁸Was 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. ¹⁹For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) ²²For 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. ²³You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. ²⁴So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

Backdrop and **context**:

Eschatological expectations ...

Some **lessons** from the text:

Christianity is not _____.

Why circumcision is no longer significant:

Christianity can thrive in _____.

Slavery is not *taught* in scripture. It is *acknowledged* as a cultural reality.

Why would Paul say to slaves, "Don't let it trouble you"?

What are the bigger principles in play here?

God has the _____ and thus the _____ to
_____ my life and to _____ my life
whatever He will.