

Living a Selfless Life

1 Corinthians 8-9

Pt. 1 – Meat Offered to Idols (8:1-6)

1Cor. 10:19-33

Romans 14



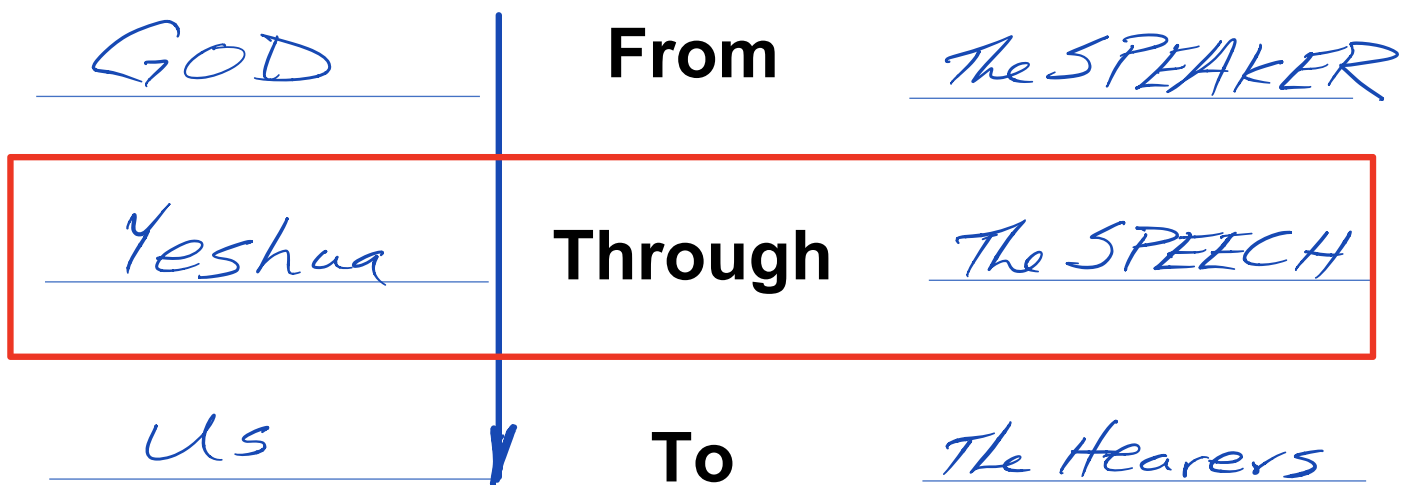
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Temple to Isis

Matthew 7:23

“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who work Torah-less-ness.’”

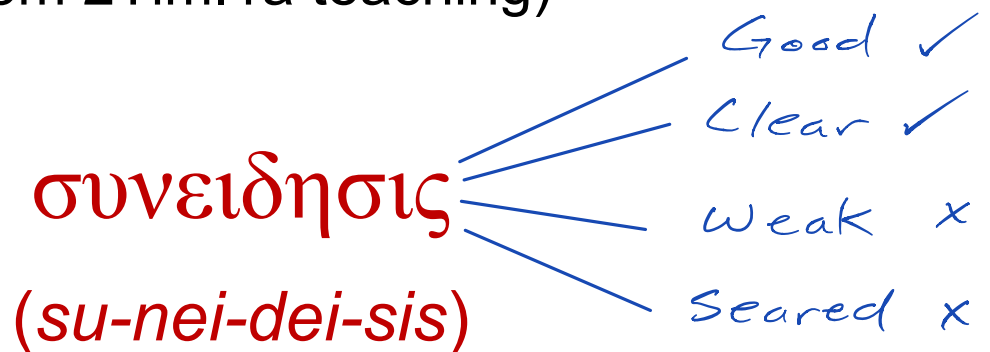


Pt. 2 – The Weaker Brother (8:7-13)

“Former associations” exert a powerful influence on our freedom of choice.

What is the conscience?

(from 2Tim.1a teaching)



Definition: Awareness *within* one's self

Q: But awareness of what?

- A)** Awareness of moral judgments relating to right and wrong. (John 8:9)
 - B)** Awareness within one's self of God as sovereign Creator (1 Peter 2:19)
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Pt. 3 – Paul's Apostleship (A) (9:1-7)

If I'm not an Apostle, I would have to be a fool to live like this!

As we walk with Messiah, we should shed rights like dead skin.

Pt. 4 – Compensation for Ministry (9:8-18)

Those who receive compensation:

- The ox
- The plowman
- The thresher
- The priest
- The evangelist

But for Paul, the reward is the doing itself.
(v.17-18, 23-27)

Pt. 5 – Paul's Apostleship (B) (9:19-27)

Discussion Questions:

- Compare 1Cor.8:6 with Romans 11:36. How do you reconcile these two passages?
- Identify a recent incident when you voiced a strong opinion, and it damaged a relationship. What do you plan to do about it?
- What “former associations” are preventing you from expanding your soul?
- What do you think is the state of your ‘conscience’? How can you improve it?
- Do you serve God? Do you serve others? What is your motivation for each?

- What rights are you holding on to that are making you miserable?
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NOTES:

James 3:13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

Deuteronomy 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that Adonai is God; there is no other besides Him.

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our God; Adonai is one.

Isaiah 45:5-7 I am Adonai, and there is nothing else, besides Me there is no God. I equip you, though you do not know Me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is nothing besides Me. I am Adonai, and there is nothing else. I form light and create darkness. I make *shalom* and create evil [i.e. pressure/unpleasantness]. I am Adonai, who does all these things.

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Yeshua, the **Apostle** and **High Priest** of our confession.

Romans 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 25:40 “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even the least of them*, you did it to Me.’”

1Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly. It does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1Corinthians 10:25-29 Eat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake; FOR THE EARTH IS THE ADONAI'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS. If one of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, eat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake. But if anyone should say to you, “This is meat sacrificed to idols,” do not eat *it*, for the sake of the one who informed *you*, and for conscience' sake. (I mean not your own conscience, but the other *man's*, for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience?)

1Peter 2:19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

Leviticus 19:14 “You shall not curse a deaf man, **nor place a stumbling block before the blind**, but you shall revere your God. I am Adonai.”

Deuteronomy 25:4 You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing.