

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 9:15–27*

'Paul Defended His Right to Refuse Support'

I. Paul Defended His Right to Receive Support *1 Corinthians 9:1–14*

II. Paul Defended His Right to Refuse Support *1 Corinthians 9:15–27*

A. For the Purpose of the Glorious Gospel *1 Corinthians 9:15–18*

1. His Reminder to Them *(v:15) Genesis 14:21–23*
2. His Responsibility Toward the Gospel *(v:16) Acts 9:15, Romans. 1:14–16*
3. His Reason For Preaching *(v:17) Ephesians 3:2–9*
 - a. *Jonah*
 - b. *Ezekiel* *Ezekiel 2:4–6, 3:17–21*
 - c. *Jeremiah* *Jeremiah 1:5–9, 17–19, Jeremiah 20:7–11*
 - b. *Isaiah* *Isaiah 6:9–11*
 - c. *Christian* *Matthew 28:19–20, Acts 1:8*
4. His Reward For Preaching the Gospel *(v:18)*

B. For the Purpose of the Sinner's Salvation *1 Corinthians 9:19–23*

- a. *The Paradox of Paul* *(v:19)*
- b. *The Plan of Paul—To Build Bridges* *(v:20–23)*
 - To the Nationalist *(v:20^a)*
 - To the Legalists *(v:20^b)*
 - To the Liberalists *(v:21)*
 - To the Listless *(v:22^a)*
 - To the Lifeless *(v:22^b)*

It didn't matter to Paul about a person's

- i. Social Status *(v:19)*
- ii. Spiritual Status *(v:20^a)*
- iii. Secular Status

A person's positional status—legalist (v:20^b) or Lawless (v:21)

A person's personal status (v:22)

C. For the Purpose of the Subjection of Self *1 Corinthians 9:24–27*