

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 9:15–27*

'Paul Defended His Right to Refuse Support' PART 3

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*

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

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

Romans 1:16, Colossians 2:8–23, Romans 3:1–3

- 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*

1. *Reason for the Race (v:24) —Contest*
1 Corinthians 3:13–15, 2 Corinthians 5:10
2. *Rewards of the Race (v:25) —Crown*
2 Timothy 2:5
3. *Rigor of the Race (v:26–27) —Contrast (v:25)*
Hebrews 12:1–2