

"BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED"

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

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What does the saying "bloom where you're planted" mean?

Is this principle one which we easily embrace or which our sinful nature rebels against?

What role, if any, should Christians play in promoting social, economic, or political change?

What was Jesus' mission (see *Luke 19:10*) What is our mission as Christians?

Do you see yourself first as a minister of the gospel and then as a _____ to pay the bills?

What does Christian “freedom” mean?

A Christian can be a Christian no matter where he/she is planted.

Paul’s first illustration has to do with identity as Jew or Gentile (v.18)

What spiritual significance/value was attached to circumcision? (v.19)

- Why was circumcision spiritually wrong?
- Why was circumcision practically wrong?

What matters most (v.19b)?

In v. 20, Paul rehearses the principle a second time – concerning slaves.

What should be our focus as Christians? (see *Matthew 6:33*).

No circumstance, no matter how terrible, painful, or unjust can keep us from being in every sense a Christian.

How was a slave to serve his/her human master?

(see *Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:22-24*)

What paradox is revealed in v.22?

Our freedom in Christ is not to sin but from sin, not freedom to do our own will, but freedom to do His will. (see *Romans 6:22*)

In v.23, what "price"? (see *1Peter 1:19*)

What does Paul mean by "do not become slaves of men"?

What is Paul's concluding statement in v. 24 and how do you relate to it?

MiniChurch Discussion Questions
God Speaks to You Personally...Through His Word

Passage: _____ Date: _____

Paraphrase or summarize main thought:

How God spoke to me personally:

My commitment:

Analysis Questions:

- What is the main idea of this passage?
- What does it teach me about God the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit?
- Is there a command for me to obey?
- Is there an example for me to follow?
- Is there a sin I should avoid?
- Is there a promise I can claim? Is it conditional?
- Is there a warning I should heed?