

1 Wakorintho 9:16-23

Mtume Paulo alisaidia kanisa la Korintho, kuelewa uhuru wao ndani ya Kristo, na fursa inayoambatana na kuweka uhuru huo kando kwa ajili ya ndugu na dada zao katika Kristo (Ch.8), na kwa wale ambao bado hawajui Bwana. Maneno ya Paulo hutuita tujihesabu kwa kujitolea kwetu kwa Mwili wa Kristo, Injili Yake, na ulimwengu Yeye anapenda.

Katika ulimwengu unaozingana na ukatili kama wetu, ikiwa kanisa lilikuwa mahali ambako Wakristo walijifunza kutambua na wapinzani wao na kupata nguvu za Mungu kuleta mabadiliko, kanisa la mtaa lingeweza kutambua wito wake kuwa ishara ya tumaini na shahidi kwa utoaji wa maisha ya Mungu kwa ulimwengu (V. Bruce Rigdon, 2008).

Paulo alikuwa na uhuru wa kuwa mtumwa, Myahudi, mtu amefungwa na sheria, mtu huru ya sheria, mtu dhaifu, au mtu mwenye nguvu. Paulo alitumia uhuru wote kuanzisha uhusiano, na kwa njia ya uhusiano huo, akamtoa Yesu kwa watu mbalimbali.

Je, zawadi ya Yesu ya wokovu (injili) kunilazimisha kujitoa mbali kwa ajili yake?

Je! Kristo ni furaha yangu, na zawadi yake ya neema ni motisha yangu mkubwa?

Je! Mungu ananiita mimi kuweka kando moja ya uhuru wangu kwa ajili ya dada au ndugu katika Kristo? Au kwa mtu kumjua Yesu?

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1 Corinthians 9:16-23

The Apostle Paul helped the church in Corinth, to understand their freedom in Christ, and the accompanying opportunity to lay that freedom aside for the sake of their brothers and sisters in Christ (Ch. 8), and for those who do not yet know the Lord. Paul's words call us to reckon with our own commitment to Christ's Body, His Gospel, and the world He loves.

In a world as conflicted and violent as ours, if the church were to be a place where Christians learned to identify with their opponents and to experience God's power to bring about transformation, the local church would realize its calling to be a sign of hope and a witness to God's offer of life to the world (V. Bruce Rigdon, 2008).

Paul had freedom to be a slave, a Jew, a person bound by the law, a person free of the law, a weak person, or a strong person. Paul used all freedoms to initiate relationship, and through those connections, he offered Jesus to a wide variety of people.

Does Jesus' gift of salvation (the gospel) compel me to give myself away for His sake?

Is Christ my delight, and His gift of grace my great motivation?

Is God calling me to set aside one of my freedoms for the sake of a sister or brother in Christ? Or for someone to know Jesus?

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Uhuru wa Neema

MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Mark 1:29-39* (Mungu anakuambia nini?)

Jumatatu: *Luka 9:57-62*

Jumanne: *1 Wafalme 19*

Jumatano: *Wafilipi 1:19-30*

Alhamisi: *1 Petro 5:1-11*

Ijumaa: *Luka 22:24-27*

Jumamosi: *Yohana 13:1-17*

Mungu Mwenye Nguvu, ambaye alimtuma Yesu kuteseka na kufa kwa ajili yetu, tusaidie kuhesabu gharama ya huduma na kwa neema yako kufuata mateso kwa furaha na kwa njia ya kifo kwa ufufuo. Kwa njia ya Kristo Bwana wetu, tunaomba, Amen.

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The Freedom of Grace

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Mark 1:29-39* (What is God saying to you?)

Monday: *Luke 9:57-62*

Tuesday: *1 Kings 19*

Wednesday: *Philippians 1:19-30*

Thursday: *1 Peter 5:1-11*

Friday: *Luke 22:24-27*

Saturday: *John 13:1-17*

Almighty God, Who sent Jesus to suffer and die for our sake, help us to count the cost of ministry and by Your grace to follow through suffering to joy and through death to resurrection. Through Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.