

The two roads to worship!

Old Testament road to worship, low road, earth based (works, law based) is by individuals and their individual gifts (sacrifices) to God. New Testament road to worship, high road, heavenly based, (faith, grace based) is by the gift of God (Christ) to us and the expression of that gift through the body of Christ, one to another. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things!!

1 Cor 10: 23-24

23 All things are lawful for *me*, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for *me*, but all edify not.

24 Let no man *seek his own*, but *every man another's* wealth.

Lawful: 1832 It is right.

Expedient: 4851 To bring, to bear together, contribute to, be better for, be good, profitable.

Edify: 3618 To construct, (fig) to confirm, to build up as in a house builder, (see Wealth below, industrially efficient).

Seek: 2212 To seek, to worship God (or in a bad sense to plot against life!)

Wealth: large possessions, and abundance of, (This is where it gets good!) In a public sense those energies, faculties, and habits, directly contributing to making people industrially efficient.

In Other Words:

In Christ all things are right for *me* but not all things bring us together for *our* good. All things are right for *me* but not all things build up and confirm *us*. So I will not seek to worship God to my own benefit but I will seek to worship God in the way that contributes to the building up and confirming of others in Christ.

This is New Testament living.

So in our participation of life the standard we use in which to choose the worship we partake of is not based on Law but rather on that which brings us together for our good, that which builds us up. So what is it that brings us together for our good and builds us up? It is the expression of Christ in us one to another. It is the appearing of the person of grace, Christ the mystery of God, and the fellowship of that mystery. This is New Testament worship and living. This is how God's love is expressed to one another and in this way we are worshiping and serving the Lord. So put away all lawful living which affects you and you alone, pick up your cross (the gift of Christ) and live under Grace, where our living will allow us the expedience to seek and edify those around us. Let's be a people who are Industrially Efficient, that will certainly help built the house, Praise God.

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