

Chameleon

Sunday Morning, August 11, 2013

Thesis:

Breathe the Spirit of Truth on the Lost and the Weak in Faith through the Love of Christ!

Introduction:



Some chameleon species are able to change their skin coloration. Different Chameleon species are able to vary their coloration and pattern through combinations of pink, blue, red, orange, green, black, brown, light blue, yellow, turquoise, and purple. Color change in chameleons has functions in social signaling and in reactions to temperature and other conditions, as well as in camouflage.

I. Do Not Despise or Condemningly Judge Others (I Corinthians 9: 20 – 23)

20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win Jews; to those under the law, like one under the law— though I myself am not under the law—to win those under the law.

21 To those who are without that law, like one without the law—not being without God's law but within Christ's law—to win those without the law.

22 To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some.

23 Now I do all this because of the gospel, so I may become a partner in its benefits.

(Galatians 6:2)

Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Fulfill the Law of Christ
Carry One Another's Burdens

II. Love the Weak (I Corinthians 8:7)

However, not everyone has this knowledge. In fact, some have been so used to idolatry up until now that when they eat food offered to an idol, their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

Not Everyone Has the Same Knowledge as You
(Moral Codes, etc.)

(Romans 14:1)

Accept anyone who is weak in faith, but don't argue about doubtful issues.

Accept the Weak

III. Communicate Truth Wisely and Lovingly (Acts 16:3)

Paul wanted Timothy to go with him, so he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, since they all knew that his father was a Greek.

(I Corinthians 8:8)

Food will not make us acceptable to God. We are not inferior if we don't eat, and we are not better if we do eat.

✚ Begin with a Commitment of Love

✚ Maintain a Concern for Truth

✚ Be Sensitive to the Relational Implications of Truth

✚ Don't Treat One Truth as the Whole Truth

Conclusion:

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