



## Sermon Guide: Religious Liberty (1/21/2023)

Join us **tomorrow, Sunday (1/8/2023), at 7 PM** on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Text: Romans 14:5 One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

1. After watching the video, what were your thoughts regarding religious liberty? Did your understanding change after hearing the sermon? Why or why not?

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### Reason, not Coercion

Reference verses: Isaiah 1:18-20; Acts 17:16-17

2. What is God's method of getting a person to accept His truth?

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Reference verses: Revelation 12:7, 17

3. How does the war in heaven help bring understanding regarding the war for hearts and minds here on earth?

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### Religious Liberty is not Sabbath Observance

4. In what ways is Alan Reinach correct regarding Sabbath observance in relation to religious liberty?

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Reference verses: Revelation 14:6-12

5. What is the fundamental commitment of the church?

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**Self-Justification versus Glorifying God**

Reference verses: Isaiah 14:13-14; Philippians 2:4-11

6. In what ways does the Bible, through the texts above, compare seeking equality, or justice?

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**Conscientious Objector Status**

7. When was the church's first struggle with religious liberty?

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8. Was this struggle one that focused on Sabbath observance? If not, what was its focus?

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9. Reflecting on the words of Benjamin Franklin, what can be understood about why the First Amendment is first?

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