

## 1 Corinthians 8: A Problem with Liberty

**Introduction:** Paul begins a three chapter instruction to this baby church, concerning “things offered to idols.” His instruction culminates in 1 Corinthians 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” These three chapters 8 – 10, deal with conscience and liberty. Everything that we choose to do, must be filtered through our fellowship with Christ – does this activity or action glorify God? What is the attitude of my heart and my motivation for doing this?

**V.1:** Paul turns his \_\_\_\_\_ to the next question in the letter he received from this church.

Acts 15:22-31; Acts 21:25; Revelation 2:14, 20

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### Two types of sacrifice:

\_\_\_\_\_ or individual sacrifice: where the meat is divided into three parts – a token part is burned on the altar, the priests were given the ribs, ham, and left side, and the remainder is given to the worshipper.

Public or \_\_\_\_\_ authorized sacrifice: the meat that is not sacrificed is sold cheap to the meat shops for profit to the pagan temple.

1 Corinthians 13:4 -- Knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ up, but love \_\_\_\_\_ up!

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**V.2:** What do we know about knowledge? It is incomplete, imperfect, and \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 13:8-10  
1 Cor. 3:18; Galatians 6:3; Colossians 2:1-3

“Knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_ that it knows so much; Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ that it knows no more.”  
William Cowper

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**V.3:** Knowledge is a \_\_\_\_\_, not an \_\_\_\_\_! John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-11

“Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Teddy Roosevelt

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**V.4-6:** Paul continues his reply to the letter – Idols have no \_\_\_\_\_ or authority, except what you give them. Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22:37-39

There are \_\_\_\_\_ behind the idols, but not the ones the worshippers thought.

Hinduism alone states there are \_\_\_\_\_ gods. Ephesians 6:10-13

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