

Food Sacrificed to Idols - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Topics: Believers, Example, Freedom, Idolatry, Knowledge, Love, Sin, Temptation, Unity

Open It

- * 1. When have you refused to participate in an event that everyone else seemed to be enjoying?
- 2. When have you experienced conflicts with people who wanted to do something you considered bad or improper (such as social drinking or gambling)?

Explore It

- 3. What was troubling the Corinthians? (8:1)
- 4. What's the problem with knowledge? (8:1-2)
- 5. What mistaken assumption does a person who thinks he knows something make? (8:2)
- 6. Why is it more important to be known by God than to know about God? (8:2-3)
- * 7. How did Paul counsel the Corinthians to regard food sacrificed to idols? (8:4-13)
- 8. What importance does God attach to idols? (8:5-6)
- 9. Why were the Corinthian Christians continuing to struggle over the matter of idols? (8:7-8)
- * 10. How could the exercise of a believer's freedom hurt a weaker Christian? (8:9)
- * 11. What overriding principle should govern our freedom? (8:9-13)
- 12. How can a Christian destroy someone? (8:11)
- 13. How did Paul limit his freedom out of sensitivity to the weaker Christians of his day? (8:13)

Get It

- 14. In what way can knowledge puff up a person?
- 15. How can we build up others in a loving way?
- 16. How can a person be sure of the fact that he or she is known by God?
- * 17. What are some customs in our society that weaker Christians often need to avoid?
- * 18. How should we limit our freedom out of sensitivity to weaker Christians?
- 19. What should you do if you know your actions would cause another Christian to violate his or her conscience?
- 20. How can we make our behavior accountable to other Christians?
- 21. What specific things could you do to protect a new Christian's faith in God?

Apply It

- * 22. What is one attitude or action in your life that you need to limit at this point? How?
- 23. What nurture could you give to a new Christian this week to help him or her grow stronger in the faith?