

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

{Sunday, February 26, 2017 A.D.}

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

... you are not your own ... you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God ...

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

¹ Now concerning the things about which you wrote, ...

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now concerning things sacrificed to idols,

we know that we all have knowledge.

1 Corinthians 1:2

² To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

1 Corinthians 1:4-7

⁴ I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, ⁶ even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

² If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know;

³ but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

⁴ Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

⁷ However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. ⁸ But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.

⁹ But **take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak**. ¹⁰ For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

¹² And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.

Romans 14:1-23

Genesis 4:9

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

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Romans 14:1-23

¹ Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.*

² One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*.³ The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.⁴ Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.⁶ He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.⁷ For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;⁸ for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.¹¹ For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."¹² So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

¹⁴ I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.¹⁵ For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.¹⁶ Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil;¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.¹⁸ For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.¹⁹ So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.²⁰ Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense.²¹ It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or *to do anything* by which your brother stumbles.²² The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.²³ But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating* is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.