

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Wednesday Bible Study
1 Corinthians Chapter 8
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I. Christian Liberty – What Believers Should and Should Not Do

1 Corinthians 8:1 (KJV) *Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.*

A. Even knowledge can't solve every problem, but love can.

1 Corinthians 8:2 (KJV) *And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*

B. Intellectual arrogance is spiritual ignorance.

1 Corinthians 8:3 (KJV) *But if any man love God, the same is known of him.*

C. Knowing, and being known by God ought to be prioritized over anything else.

Psalms 14:1 (KJV) *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*

Proverbs 1:7-10 (KJV) *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*

D. Knowledge of God leads to Godly wisdom while worldly leads to foolish pursuits.

1 Corinthians 8:4 (KJV) *As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.*

E. There is only one God. This is the indisputable, unwavering, undeniable truth of the Word of God and the Gospel.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Deuteronomy 4:35; Isaiah 43:10-11
Isaiah 45:5-7; Ephesians 4:4-6

How do we explain the Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Mark 12:29 (KJV) *And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:*

John 10:29-31 (KJV) *My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is*

able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

John 14:16-18 (KJV) *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

F. Trinity is a **doctrine** used to explain the **complete-ness** of God, much like other names are used to describe the nature of God. (*rapha, jireh, shalom, nissi, tsidkenu, El Shaddai, etc.*)

1 Corinthians 8:5-7 (KJV) *For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.*

G. Not all believers have matured enough to understand the absolute truth of ONE GOD.

1 Corinthians 8:8 (KJV) *But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.*

H. We cannot **win** God's approval by what we eat or do not eat.

1 Corinthians 8:9 (KJV) *But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.*

I. My **clarity** should never act to **obscure** another believer's faith.

1 Corinthians 8:10-11 (KJV) *For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?*

J. We are to maintain a faithful **example** to strengthen our brothers and sisters.

Don't let your arrogance lead you to ignorance.

1 Corinthians 8:12-13 (KJV) *But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.*

Is the Bible silent on the matter? Is the law silent on the matter? Is your conscience clear on the matter?

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