

1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE

1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (ESV)

1 Now concerning food offered to idols:
“We know that all of us possess
knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up,
but love builds up. 2 If anyone imagines
that he knows something, he does not yet
know as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone
loves God, he is known by God.



1 Corinthians 8:4-5 (ESV)

4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, “We know that an idol has no real existence, and that there is no God but one.” 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—



1 Corinthians 8:6-7 (ESV)

6 Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.



1 Corinthians 8:8-10 (ESV)

8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?



1 Corinthians 8:11-13 (ESV)

11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. 12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.



A chaotic food fight in a restaurant. Several men in suits are engaged in a messy battle, throwing food items like corn cobs and vegetables. One man in a blue suit is in the middle of throwing a piece of food. Another man on the right is holding a corn cob to his mouth. The table in the foreground is set with plates, glasses, and a centerpiece of white flowers. The background features a chandelier and a framed portrait on the wall. The overall atmosphere is one of playful chaos.

Food Fights

1 Corinthians 8

“Food will not commend us to God.
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and no better off if we do.” (v. 8)



God seeks to teach us how to be the loving, united people of Jesus in a time of fierce division and debate.



“This ‘knowledge’ puffs up, but love builds up.” (v. 3)



It's not always about what you
KNOW, but how you LOVE the
person God has placed in front of
you.



“And if I have all knowledge... but have not love, I am nothing... Love is patient and kind... It is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way.” (1 Corinthians 13:2, 4-5)



**Our knowledge must be tempered
by HUMILITY, shaped by LOVE,
and acted upon with GRACE.**



“Know this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”
(James 1:19)



What can I say or do to BUILD UP this beloved brother or sister with whom I disagree? How can I point them to JESUS even if I cannot convince them of my position?



God calls us to keep the peace, lay down our rights, and love each other sacrificially.



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(v. 7)



“For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.” (vv. 10-12)



**This isn't political correctness.
God's not worried that someone
might be OFFENDED. He is
concerned your behavior may cause
a fellow believer to slip and
STUMBLE off the path of life.**



Instead of demanding your rights,
LAY them DOWN if it means
strengthening the faith of another
believer.

