

Food Offered To Idols

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1 Corinthians 8:2

If anyone imagines that he knows something,
he does not yet know as he ought to know.



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1 Corinthians 8:3

But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.



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1 Corinthians 8:4

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.”



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1 Corinthians 8:5

For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—



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1 Corinthians 8:6

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.



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But some, through former association with idols,
eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience,
being weak, is defiled.



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1 Corinthians 8:8

Food will not commend us to God.
We are no worse off if we do not eat,
and no better off if we do.



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1 Corinthians 8:9

But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.



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1 Corinthians 8:11

And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed,
the brother for whom Christ died.



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1 Corinthians 8:12

Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.



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1 Corinthians 8:13

Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble,
I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.



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Not just “I can”, but that “I care”



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Selfish Pride



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1 Corinthians 1:12

What I mean is that each one of you says,
“I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” ...



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1 Corinthians 3:3

... there is jealousy and strife among you...



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1 Corinthians 4:7

For who sees anything different in you?

What do you have that you did not receive?

If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?



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Pursue love (14:1)



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