

I CORINTHIANS





FREE FROM IDOLATRY

1CORINTHIANS 10:14-11:1





1 Corinthians 8:10

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 8:4

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.”



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.



1 Corinthians 8:1

This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.



1 Corinthians 8:13

I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.



1 Corinthians 9:23

I do it all for the sake of the gospel,
that I may share with them in its blessings.



1 Corinthians 9:27

But I discipline my body and keep it under control,
lest after preaching to others
I myself should be disqualified.



1 Corinthians 10:12

**Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands
take heed lest he fall.**



1 Corinthians 10:14

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.



1 Corinthians 10:15

**I speak as to sensible people;
judge for yourselves what I say.**



1 Corinthians 10:16

**The cup of blessing that we bless,
is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?**



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**The cup of blessing that we bless,
is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?
The bread that we break,
is it not a participation in the body of Christ?**



1 Corinthians 10:17

**Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.**



1 Corinthians 10:18

**Consider the people of Israel:
are not those who eat the sacrifices
participants in the altar?**



1 Corinthians 10:19

**What do I imply then?
That food offered to idols is anything,
or that an idol is anything?**



1 Corinthians 10:20

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they offer to demons and not to God.
I do not want you to be participants with demons.**



Deuteronomy 32:17

They sacrificed to demons that were no gods



Deuteronomy 32:16

**They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods;
with abominations they provoked him to anger.**



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You cannot partake of the table of the Lord
and the table of demons.**



1 Corinthians 10:22

**Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy?
Are we stronger than he?**



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Principle of loving your neighbour



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1 Corinthians 10:25

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without raising any question on the ground of conscience.**



1 Corinthians 10:26

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Can we eat in an unbeliever's house?



1 Corinthians 10:27

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**If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner...
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1 Corinthians 10:28,29a

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1 Corinthians 10:29b

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1 Corinthians 6:20

**“for you were bought with a price.
So glorify God in your body.”**



1 Corinthians 10:32–33

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Paul reasons with the people



Paul sticks to the fundamentals





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Glory of God

Good of man





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Own rights



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Mark 10:44
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Mark 10:44,45

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For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to
serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.





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