

1 Corinthians 8

What we _____ with what we _____

"Ordinarily the Greeks and Romans burned the less desirable portions of an animal in the course of their sacrifices and retained the choicer parts for personal consumption at banquets celebrating the sacrifices. If a sacrifice were made in connection with a state function, the meat which remained was frequently sold in the marketplace. The Corinthians' questions apparently concerned (a) the acceptability of buying and eating meat from one of these sacrificial animals; (b) the acceptability of eating this meat as an invited guest in a friend's home; (c) the acceptability of attending one of these pagan sacrifices and enjoying the meal of celebration which followed in the temple precincts. Paul spoke to each of these issues." The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures (Vol. 2, p. 521)

I. Introduction Vs 1-3

A. _____ VS _____ Vs 1 Cf. Rom 14:3

1. Knowledge puffs-Makes _____ feel important
2. Love builds up-Makes _____ feel important

B. Explanation Vs 2-3

1. If any man think that he knoweth anything-if he feels his knowledge is _____ Vs 2a
2. He knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know-he really _____ know as much as he thinks he does Vs 2b
3. But if any man love God, the same is known of him-one's love for God is _____ seen, and _____ knows that person loves Him Vs 3

II. Explanation of the _____ value of meat offered in idol worship Vs 4-8

A. Compared to God an idol is _____ Vs 4

B. Just because something is _____ a god does not make it one Vs 5

C. As believers, we _____ that there is only one God, the Creator of everything (including the _____ that is offered in idol worship) Vs 6

D. Not every believer has that spiritual understanding Vs 7

1. Those who _____ with their understanding of the idol as being nothing, if required to eat the meat used in idol worship, can't get past the fact that it was used in a heathen ceremony Vs 7b
2. Therefore, when required to eat the meat feel they are _____ in some form of compromise or idol worship Vs 7c

E. However, the meat is nothing more that meat which _____ created for man to eat and gain nourishment Vs 8

1. By _____ it we are not drawn closer to God
2. By _____ eating it we are not drawn closer to God

III. The _____ Vs 9-11

A. Your knowledge must be controlled by your _____ for the brethren Vs 9

1. Liberty-_____ to eat the meat offered to idols because you see it as only a piece of meat that God created
2. Stumblingblock-occasion to cause a believer to _____ and fall away from their fellowship in Christ
3. Weak-the brother who is not _____ mature enough to see the meat as only a piece of meat alone

- B. The _____ behind the offence Vs 10
1. The believer with the correct understanding concerning the meat has no problem eating a meal in the _____ where idols are worshiped Vs 10a
 - a. He has _____ to eat the meat
 - b. He has liberty to eat it in the idol temple
 2. However, if seen doing so by the weaker exercising his liberty Vs 10b
 - a. Shall cause the conscience of the weaker brother to _____
 1. Because he _____ him eating the meat
 2. He feels _____ to do the same, therefore he too eats the meat offered to idols
 - b. Thus, he shall _____ his conscience and do great _____ to his relationship with the Lord
 3. Exercising one's liberty due to their knowledge _____ regard for other believers
 - a. Can easily cause a weaker brother to stumble and fall in their relationship with the Lord Vs 11
 1. Perish-be _____ spiritually
 2. Being tempted, by another's example, they can be cause to defile their _____
 - b. For whom Christ died-Christ died for _____ the knowledgeable and the weak, but the knowledgeable must remember that Christ died for the weaker brother

IV. The _____ Vs 12-13

- A. Having knowledge and being _____ by knowledge Vs 12
1. Can cause one to _____ against their brother or sister in Christ Vs 12a
 2. Can wound their weak conscience- "It aggravates the cruelty of the act that it is committed on the weak, just as if one were to strike an invalid." Jamieson, R., Fausset, *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible* (Vol. 2, p. 278)
 3. If this happens the one with the knowledge commits sin against _____ Vs 12b
 - a. Because their actions were controlled by what they _____
 - b. Because they did not act controlled by their _____ for Christ and fellow believers
- B. Love for the brethren is more _____ than personally exercising liberty given to me as a Christian Vs 12