

Lesson 8

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

• Questions

1. What does knowledge do and what does love do (8:1)?

2. What does the one with knowledge need to know and what does the one who loves God need to know (8:2-3)?

3. What did Paul write concerning gods (idols) and concerning God (8:4-6)?

4. How did Paul describe God and Jesus (8:6)?

5. What were some people in Corinth accustomed to doing (8:7)?

6. What did Paul say about eating food and not eating food (8:8)?

7. What warning did Paul give concerning one's liberty, right, or freedom (8:9)?

8. What does the weak brother do when he sees another brother eating meat sacrificed to idols (8:10)?

9. What happens to the weak brother and the other brother in this case (8:11-12)?

10. What was Paul willing to give up and why (8:13)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. Where do idols (false gods) come from (8:4-5)?

2. What do the words “weak” (8:7, 10-12) and “stumble” (8:13) mean in this context?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Knowledge can cause you to be proud and puffed up if you let it (8:1-3).

2. False gods (idols) and false lords (idols) do not exist. There is one God the Father and one Lord Jesus Christ (8:4-6). What are Christians to do with idols (Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25; 1 Cor. 10:7, 14; 1 Jn. 5:21)? What is covetousness (Col. 3:5)? What will happen to a Christian who is an idolater (1 Cor. 5:11; 6:9; Gal. 5:20-21; Eph. 5:5)?

3. We must be willing to give up a personal liberty (right or freedom) of ours if it causes a “weak” brother in Christ to “stumble” (8:7-13). What are the basic guidelines that Paul gives in 1 Corinthians 10:23-33 and Romans 14:1 – 15:2 concerning a Christian’s liberty?