

## 1 Corinthians 8 (4-3-11)

### CAREFUL WITH KNOWLEDGE: (MEAT OFFERED TO IDOLS, PT. 1)

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 8:1** Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

"...scientists have successfully introduced human genes into 300 dairy cows to produce milk with the same properties as human breast milk."

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**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

**1 Peter 3:8** Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing...

**Romans 14:2** For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is **weak**, eateth herbs.

3 Let not him that eateth **despise him** that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not **judge him** that eateth: for God hath received him.

**Isaiah 65:5** Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou...

**Romans 14:10** But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**Romans 14:19** Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

**Romans 14:13** Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

**1 Corinthians 8:2** And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, **he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.**

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, **we know** that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

7 Howbeit *there is* not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat *it* as a thing offered unto an idol...

**1 Corinthians 4:5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts...

**John 16:12** I have yet many things to say unto you, but **ye cannot bear them now.**