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*Paul's Letter to the  
Church at Corinth*



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# 1 Corinthians 8

8 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But whoever loves God is known by God.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.



# 1 Corinthians 8

<sup>7</sup> But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. <sup>8</sup> But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

<sup>9</sup> Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. <sup>12</sup> When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

# 1 Corinthians 9

1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? <sup>2</sup> Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

12 But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

# 1 Corinthians 9

<sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

# 1 Corinthians 10

<sup>23</sup> “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup> No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

<sup>25</sup> Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, <sup>26</sup> for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”<sup>[i]</sup>

<sup>27</sup> If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience.

<sup>28</sup> But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience.

# 1 Corinthians 10

<sup>29</sup> I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience? <sup>30</sup> If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

<sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— <sup>33</sup> even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.



*4 Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God.*

*6 There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.*

*3 But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes*

*John 14<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*

*Duet 4<sup>35</sup> “He showed you these things so you would know that the LORD is God and there is no other.*

*Duet 4<sup>39</sup> “So remember this and keep it firmly in mind: The LORD is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other.*

# Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.





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Paul also knew that there was a higher LAW for the church – the Law of LOVE.

Paul explained that, as Christians, we KNOW we have FREEDOM to eat whatever we wish. However, if using that freedom will hurt our brothers and sisters in the church, we should let LOVE win out over KNOWLEDGE.

*Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

*John 8:36- So if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.*

*Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*





# Freedom

A photograph of three crosses on a hill at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright sky. The background is a clear blue sky that transitions to the sunset colors near the horizon.

# in Christ







"Then make good shoes and sell them at a fair price."

SO *whether* YOU EAT OR DRINK  
OR *whatever* YOU DO,  
DO IT *all* FOR THE *glory of God.*  
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31



IF IT FALLS YOUR LOT TO BE A STREET SWEEPER,  
**SWEEP STREETS LIKE**  
MICHELANGELO PAINTED PICTURES,  
SWEEP STREETS LIKE BEETHOVEN COMPOSED MUSIC,  
SWEEP STREETS LIKE SHAKESPEARE WROTE POETRY.  
SWEEP STREETS SO WELL THAT ALL THE HOSTS  
OF HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL HAVE

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**TO PAUSE AND SAY:**

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**HERE LIVED**

A GREAT STREET SWEEPER WHO SWEEPED HIS JOB WELL.

**-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**



*8.6 But for us, There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.*

*9.12 We would rather put up with anything than be an obstacle to the Good News about Christ.*

*9.22-23 I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.*

*10.24 Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others.*

*10.31 Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*



