

Introduction: Having answered their questions concerning marriage Paul now addresses the next issue the Corinthians had asked him about. Their question was concerning meat that had been offered to idols in the pagan temples of Corinth. The question would have gone somewhat along these lines – “Does the purchase and eating of meat offered to idols somehow involve us in compromise with idol worship?” The fact that they ask the question is evidence that the church in Corinth was divided over this issue. On the surface it seems that this problem is purely local and cultural and has no bearing upon us seeing as we do not face this problem today. Paul will devote the next three chapters to his answer. As he starts to answer their question we begin to realize that the issue has tremendous significance for us. The real issue is not simply the eating of meat offered to idols but the far wider issue of Christian liberty, which does indeed apply to us and to Christians of every culture and time period throughout the entire church age. Each of us face the same sort of situations on a regular basis today living right here in the North Country. Take for instance the Christian and his involvement with movies – lotteries – television – dancing – social drinking – politics – sports – Sunday observance...and the list goes on and on

I. THE _____ ENUNCIATED - 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

LOVE = SUPERIOR TO _____

“...Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies”

II. THE _____ EXPLAINED - 1 Corinthians 8:4-8

KNOWLEDGE LEADS TO _____

BUT

NOT ALL HAVE _____

“...we know that an idol is nothing...However there is not in everyone that knowledge”

III. THE _____ EXAMINED - 1 Corinthians 8:9-13

KNOWLEDGE AND LIBERTY TO BE GOVERNED BY _____

"...if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat"

CONCLUSION: