

Introduction: Last week we started looking at how to resolve doubtful activities which are not expressly forbidden in the Bible. Though a Christian may have the freedom to do certain things it may not always be wise to do those things. We saw from verses 1-3 of chapter eight that "knowledge puffs up, but love edifies (or builds up)". In short - Love is superior to knowledge. The Corinthians, who gloried in knowledge, but were deficient in love, were demonstrating that a little knowledge, without being tempered with love, can be very dangerous and very destructive within a church fellowship. On the other hand, knowledge, based upon the truths of God's Word, and love can be used to build up individuals and an entire church fellowship. This evening we want to continue in our study of 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 as Paul unravels the problem to the Corinthians and then seeks to set forth a workable solution that will bring harmony and peace within the fellowship.

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

LOVE = SUPERIOR TO KNOWLEDGE

"...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: