

1 CORINTHIANS 8

OPEN: DIVISION = schisma = TO TEAR

ACTS 2:42-47, PHI 2:1-4

VS 1-3| THINGS SACRIFICED TO IDOLS = THE NORM IN CORINTH

WE ALL HAVE KNOWLEDGE = WE KNOW IT'S WRONG [IDOL WORSHIP]

BUT DO YOU KNOW WHY IT'S WRONG? WHAT IS THE GREATEST
COMMANDMENT? TO LOVE YAHWEH

LOVE EDIFIES = TO LEARNING TO LOVE YAHWEH IS HOW WE GROW UP

A KNOWLEDGEABLE BELIEVER WILL KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG BUT A
MATURE BELIEVER WILL UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S WRONG AND HOW TO LOVE
GOD IN THE MIDST OF THE WRONG
EX 32:9-14 /CONTEXT IS AN IDOL/

A KNOWLEDGEABLE BELIEVER WILL KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT WHAT WE ARE
AGAINST AND HAVE VERY LITTLE KNOWLEDGE WHAT WE ARE FOR AND THAT IS
TO LOVE GOD

VS 4-6| 3 THINGS PAUL IS ADDRESSING

1| THINGS SACRIFICED TO IDOLS

THIS CHAPTER IS NOT ABOUT THE WORSHIPING OF IDOLS....BUT EATING WHAT
WAS OFFERED TO THE IDOL AND WHERE YOU EAT IT AND HOW THAT AFFECTS
THE LESS MATURE BELIEVERS' VS 9

2| NO IDOLS IN THE WORLD = NO REAL EXISTENCE IN OUR LIVES

oo-dice' = no one, nothing WITH ANY EMPHASES ON HUMANS

PAUL IS NOT SAYING THAT THERE IS NO PHYSICAL IDOLS WHAT HE IS SAYING
IS THE IDOL HAS NO POWER OVER A BELIEVER

THIS IS NOT SAYING THAT THE IDOLS ARE POWERLESS IT'S WHAT'S BEHIND
THE IDOL 1 COR 10:19-20

LEV 17:7

“They shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat demons with which they play the harlot. This shall be a permanent statute to them throughout their generations.”

DEU 32:17

“They sacrificed to demons who were not God [ELOHA], To gods [ELOHIM] whom they have not known, New gods [ELOHIM] who came lately, Whom your fathers did not dread.

3] THERE IS NO GOD BUT ONE = A STATEMENT OF UNIQUENESS [NOT ONLY AGAINST BUT WHAT WE ARE FOR]

TO THIS DAY THERE MANY GODS / ELOHIM OUT THERE REPRESENTED BY THEIR IDOLS. BUT THEY HAVE NO RIGHT OVER YOU BECAUSE OF WHO AND WHAT OUR ELOHIM YAHWEH HAS DONE FOR YOU THROUGH YESHUA!!

VS 7-10] NOT ALL MEN / BELIEVERS HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE = NOT EVERYONE IS THIS MATURE IN THEIR FAITH TO UNDERSTAND THIS YET BECAUSE OF THIS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING IT'S EASY FOR THE MATURE BELIEVER TO CAUSE THEM TO STUMBLE [STUMBLE VS GRUMBLE] WHAT CAUSES A WEAK BELIEVER TO STUMBLE? LACK OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT CAUSES A MATURE BELIEVER NOT TO CAUSES A WEAK BELIEVER TO STUMBLE? KNOWLEDGE

1] BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE VS 7A

2] HEART KNOWLEDGE VS 9

3] A CONCERN FOR A BELIEVER'S CONSCIENCE [3X MENTIONED]

BEING CONCERNED ABOUT ANOTHER BELIEVER'S CONSCIENCE IS NOT ABOUT MAKING SOMEONE FEEL GOOD OR BAD IT'S ABOUT HELPING A WEAKER BROTHER OR SISTER GROW IN TRUTH AND LOVE

MAT 12:3-7

VS 10-13] PAUL IS NOT SAYING IT'S OK TO WORSHIP IDOLS HE IS SAYING IT'S OK TO EAT WHAT IS OFFERED TO IDOLS IF IT DOESN'T BORTHER YOU OR A FELLOW BELIEVER

WHY IS IT OK? BECAUSE YESHUA HAS STRIPPED THEM [DEMONS] FROM THE POWER THEY HAD OVER US...NOT OF THEIR POWER BUT THE POWER THEY HAD OVER US

LUKE 10:19

“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

ROM 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under *YOUR* feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

BUT NOT ALL BELIEVERS HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE

BUT NOW YOU KNOW.....WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING?

THE PROOF THAT YOU ARE KNOWN AS A CHILD OF GOD IS THE FACT THAT WE LOVE GOD [VS 3], THE PROOF THAT WE LOVE YAHWEH IS THAT WE PUT OTHERS BEFORE OURSELVES. JUST AS YESHUA DID FOR US

PHI 2:5-8