

## The Borders of Liberty - Part 2

*A study in 1 Cor. 8:1-13*

### I. Introduction

- As Christianity moved outside of Jerusalem and Israel, Christians began to encounter other cultures with other gods and lords and pantheons. New Christians who have left their idolatry behind were clashing with other believers over eating food sacrificed to idols.
- In chapters 8-10, their spiritual father, Apostle Paul, lays out the spiritual principle for Christians to move forward with and a word of warning to those whose confidence is actually leading to division in the church.

### II. What does the Christian have?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ about the reality of the supernatural world, the reality of idols and their relationship to demons
2. \_\_\_\_\_ from bondage to sin and Satan
3. The Christian must understand that \_\_\_\_\_ destroys, but \_\_\_\_\_ builds up

### III. What power does an idol have?

1. Idols are \_\_\_\_\_-made creations of \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration
2. Whatever powers demonic entities project in the world of men are done in \_\_\_\_\_'s earth to \_\_\_\_\_'s creations

### IV. What does God think about food?

1. Some new Christians, especially those coming out of idol worship, were being led to \_\_\_\_\_ their conscious and bringing spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ itself is not what corrupts a person, it can \_\_\_\_\_ the attitude of the heart

3. The Lord takes no pleasure in a Christian asserting their liberty in leading someone into \_\_\_\_\_ over their own conscience from God
  
4. The principle is: I will use my liberty in Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ someone more than my own \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Conclusion**

1. The Christian need not fear food that has been offered to idols
2. The Christian knows that idols have no authority or power in this world over the believer
3. Christians must use our liberty wisely in loving service of edifying others

**Answer Key:**

**II. What does the Christian have?**

1. **KNOWLEDGE** about the reality of the supernatural world, the reality of idols and their relationship to demons
2. **FREEDOM** from bondage to sin and Satan
3. The Christian must understand that **PRIDE** destroys, but **LOVE** builds up

**III. What power does an idol have?**

1. Idols are **MAN**-made creations of **DEMONIC** inspiration
2. Whatever powers demonic entities project in the world of men are done in **GOD**'s earth to **GOD**'s creations

**IV. What does God think about food?**

1. Some new Christians, especially those coming out of idol worship, were being led to **VIOLATE** their consciences and bringing spiritual **CONFUSION**
2. (v. 8) The **FOOD** itself is not what corrupts a person, it can **REVEAL** the attitude of the heart
3. (vv. 8-12) The Lord takes no pleasure in a Christian asserting their liberty in leading someone into **STUMBLING** over their own conscience from God
4. (v. 13) The principle is: I will use my liberty in Christ to **LOVE** someone more than my own **LIBERTY**

**V. Conclusion**