

Week beginning 2nd September 2024
Sermon: Sunday 8th September 2024

How do love and our service to God trump our desire to exercise our freedom?

Study 8: Freedom in Christ

Readings: 1Corinthians 8

Read 1Corinthians 8:1 - 13:

Paul is now addressing another issue that the Corinthians has written to him about. The issue of food sacrificed to idols.

But before he deals directly with this in v4ff why does Paul warn against the pride of knowledge? What does knowledge need to be combined with?

Corinth would have had many idols. Sacrificial animals would have been sold as meat in the public markets, so it is not surprising that the Corinthians asked whether they should eat the meat. According to Paul, what do mature Christians know about food sacrificed to idols?

Not all Christians look at food sacrificed to idols in this way. Why would it be wrong for them to eat meat sacrificed to idols?

What “knowledge” and freedom that you currently enjoy would you be willing to give up in order not to destroy a weaker brother?

In 1Corinthians 8:6 Paul declares this only one God. How should that change the outlook of the Corinthian Christians?

How can the behavior of a mature believer challenge an immature believer to grow?

Paul wants us to know the freedom we have in Christ. What does Paul say is more important than exercising the freedom we have (vv9 - 13)?

Read Romans 14:1 - 23:

What additional teaching does Paul give in situations where Christians disagree on areas of behavior?

What are some of the other things we can disagree on?