

LESSON 14: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

On Christian Liberty

1. How is being “known by God” that true knowledge which enables you to make proper judgments on how to live in this world (8:1-3)? (See also Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 4:9.)
2. What are the arguments presented by those who feel it is right to eat meat offered to idols (8:1-6)? Although “food offered to idols” is not a problem for most Christians today, what contemporary activities fall into the same category?
3. Who is the basis for Christian liberty, and how does this information help you make appropriate choices and decisions (vv. 4-8)? How is your Christian liberty limited by God (vv. 9-13; see also Rom. 14:1-3), and for what purpose? How sensitive and discerning must you be in the body of Christ?
4. How is “knowledge” being misused in the debate about what to eat (vv. 7-13)? What is the place of “knowledge” and “love” in the Christian's relationship with God? Do they conflict or complement each other? Why is love a necessary factor in making judgments?
5. How are mature Christians to exercise their freedom in Christ?