

CHRISTIAN AND PAGAN: Food Offered to Idols I Cor. 8:1-13

1. Now concerning food offered to idols: KNOWLEDGE, GOD
we know that, "all of us have knowledge." AND LOVE
"Knowledge" puffs up but love builds up.
2. If any one imagines that he knows something,
he does not yet know as he ought to know.
But if one loves God, one is known by him.

3. Hence, as to the food offered to idols, KNOWLEDGE, GOD
we know that "an idol has no real existence," AND IDOLS
and that "*there is no God but one.*"
For although there may be so called gods in heaven or on earth -
as indeed there are many 'gods' and many 'lords,' - NO IDOLS
4. yet for us there is *one God, the Father*,
from whom are all things
and for whom we exist,
and *one Lord, Jesus Christ*, ONE GOD
through whom are all things ONE LORD
and through whom we exist.

5. However, not all possess this knowledge. KNOWLEDGE, GOD
But some, through being hitherto accustomed to idols, AND THE WEAK
eat food as really offered to an idol; WEAK CONSCIENCE
and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. BROTHER DEFILED
6. Food will not commend us to God.
We are no worse off if we do not eat,
and no better off if we do. EAT/ NOT EAT
Only take care lest this liberty of yours FREEDOM AND
becomes a stumbling-block to the weak. RESPONSIBILITY
7. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge,
reclining in an idol's temple,
if his conscience is weak,
might he not be encouraged
to eat food offered to idols?

8. And so by your knowledge KNOWLEDGE, CHRIST
this weak man is destroyed, AND YOUR BROTHER
the brother for whom Christ died. YOUR BROTHER DESTROYED
9. Thus, sinning against your brethren
and wounding their conscience when it is weak,
you sin against Christ. SIN AGAINST
CHRIST
10. Therefore, if food is a cause
of my brother's stumbling,
I will never eat meat,
lest I cause my brother to stumble. YOUR BROTHER STUMBLES

