

Messy Love

1 Corinthians 8

1 Corinthians 8:1-4 *Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one...*

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1 Corinthians 8:7-9

However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

Commitment To Love

1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (NLT) *Now regarding your question about food that has been offered to idols. Yes, we know that "we all have knowledge" about this issue. But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much. But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes.*

MESSY Knowledge

Love, attitude, humility, integrity, consistency, grace, hope, peace,
knowledge

1 Corinthians 8:10-13 (NLT) *For if others see you—with your "superior knowledge"—eating in the temple of an idol, won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live—for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble.*

Loving People

This challenges us to ask questions:

Do we know how to love?

Do we know what love is?

When was the last time we felt deeply for those who have not yet believed or received Jesus as their Savior?

Love Is Better Than Knowledge

1 John 4:12 *No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

Knowledge Puffs Up While Love Builds Up

Knowledge is essential, but it's not sufficient. Knowledge is important, but it's not enough. Love is always enough.

Love Makes Us Like Christ

Our Salvation is not based on what WE have done rather it is on what HE HAS DONE! We need to be careful NOT to become presumptuous with God's Grace.

Renew Your Mind Daily With God's Word!

Romans 12:1-2 ...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Start The Day With The GOOD NEWS Of God's Word!

(John 14:15-17)

The Holy Spirit Transforms Us

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

It Is Never Too Late To Change

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

There Is No Better Miracle Like The Miracle Of A
Changed Life