



# 1 CORINTHIANS

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

**"The Loving Limitation of Liberty"**

***1 Corinthians 8:1-13***



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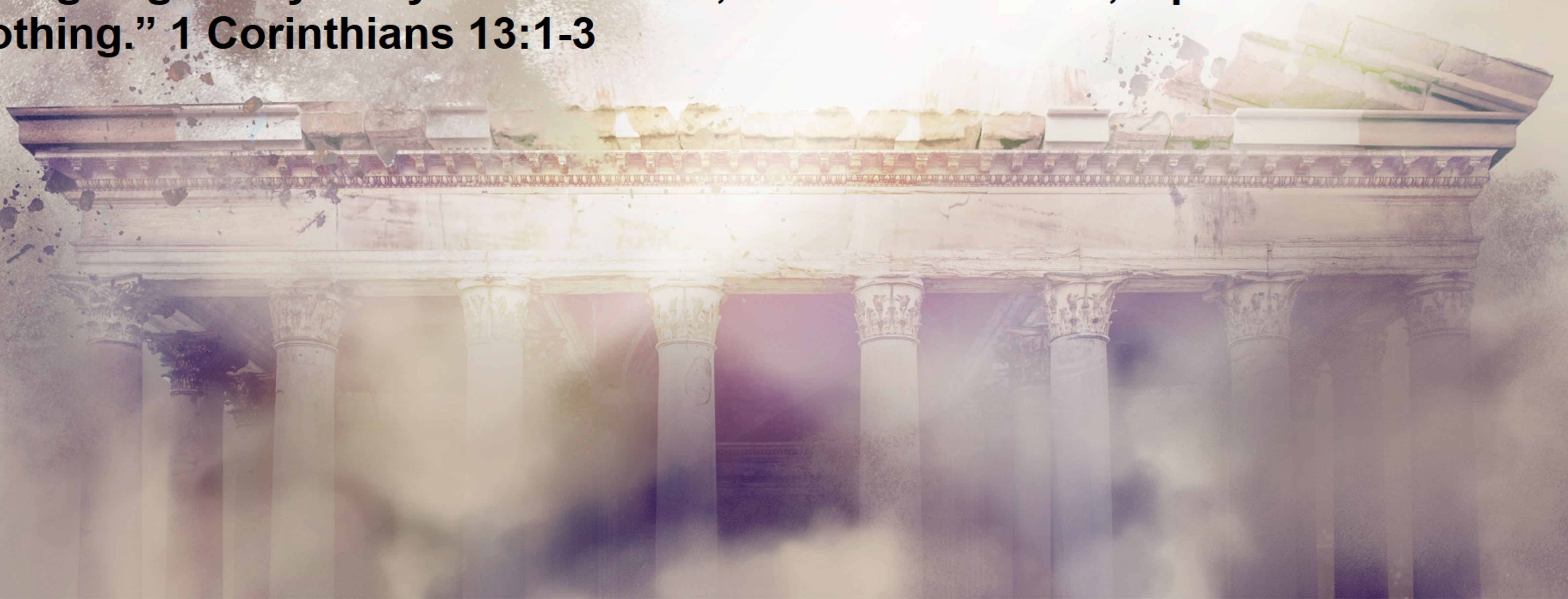


**Paul was saying: “Don’t look at your freedom—look at their need.”**





**“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3**





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**“I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to the one who thinks something is unclean, to that person it is unclean.” Romans 14:14**





**“And He said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding as well? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the person from outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” (*Thereby* He declared all foods clean.) And He was saying, “That which comes out of the person, that *is what* defiles the person.” Mark 7:18-20**





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3. We know that food is not an issue with God: Act with love towards those in God's family.



**“It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.” Romans 14:21**





## The Principle:

- First, because of my love for a weaker Christian, I am called to limit my liberty so that it does not create a stumbling block for my brother or sister in Christ.
- Second, I will continue to walk and enjoy the freedom and liberty believers have in Christ.





**“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:7-11**

