# "MEAT SACRIFICED TO IDOLS & CHRISTIAN LIBERTY"

## I CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

1. **KNOWLEDGE ALONE IS INSUFFICIENT TO SOLVE THIS DILEMMA (8:1-2)**
   1. Because All Christians Can Claim Some Knowledge (8:1a)
   2. Because Knowledge Tends To Puff Up (8:1b)
   3. Because Knowledge Is Actually Never Complete (8:2)
2. **LOVE IS THE CONTROLLING FACTOR & ONLY PROPER BASIS FOR DECISION MAKING IN THIS REALM (8:3)**
3. **SOME KNOWLEDGE IS NECESSARY THOUGH FOR VALID DECISION MAKING (8:4-6)**
   1. We Know That An Idol Is Nothing (8:4a)
   2. We Know There Is Only One God (8:4b)
   3. We Know That Just Because Something Is Given A Name That Does Not Automatically Designate Reality (8:5-6)
4. **KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE MUST FUNCTION TOGETHER IN A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP (8:7-13)**
   1. To Be Aware Of The Weak Conscience (8:7-8)
   2. To Demonstrate Deference (Respect) Toward The Weak Conscience (8:9-11)
   3. To Avoid Sinning Against The Weak Conscience (8:12-13)

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# THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

# AND

# THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FACTOR

1. **THE COMPLETE LIBERALIZATION OF ALL THE MAINLINE PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS**
2. **THE EVANGELICAL EFFORT TO BRIDGE FUNDAMENTALISM WITH LIBERALISM**
3. **THE WIDE SPREAD PROMOTION OF EVANGELISM THROUGH ASSOCIATION WITH THE WORLD**
4. **THE INTENSIVE STUDY OF CROSS CULTURAL MISSIONS**
5. **THE POST WORLD WAR TWO WEALTH OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION**
6. **THE PHENOMENON OF TELEVISION**
7. **THE EROSION OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY COMBINED WITH THE GLORIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALITY**
8. **THE MOBILITY OF OUR CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY AS OPPOSED TO THE MORE PROVINCIAL WAY OF LIFE WHICH HAD BEEN THE NORM**