

# Sermon Notes

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## How Do I Decide What I'm Free to Do?

1 Corinthians 8

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**There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.**

**8:1-3 What knowledge can do versus what love does. Love is the supreme thing to know (and do).**

Meat sacrificed to idols was a big issue for how Christians related on a daily basis with the pagan culture they lived in.

If we care to love, we will think about how we can build others up.

Thoughts about how this relates backwards to chapter 7 issues

Speak the truth in love. Speaking the truth is part of loving, but make sure your attitude toward the people is loving.

Don't make the mistake of thinking speaking the truth, in and of itself, is unloving, just because it makes people uncomfortable or limits them.

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**8:4-6 There is only one true God, even if people worship a ton of gods.**

Therefore one may think anything having to do with gods that are fake doesn't matter at all.

**8:7-13 Not all, even Christians, know the full truth about God. And not all know that our behaviors aren't what make us right or not right with God. Our choices may cause those people to stumble in their faith (when we are supposed to be building up).**

Ref.: Colossians 1:22

Only Jesus can present us to God, so that we will be accepted by God. Behaviors - wrong or right behaviors - can't do that.

If something we may do might cause a brother to stumble in their faith, will we decide, I won't do it then?

**We should think how our choices might affect others.  
And we should choose to love others with our decisions.  
Will you?**

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

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