

Meat And Knowledge

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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Order of Worship

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have 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 Jn. 4:9-11 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - Psalm 86:8-10 Responsive Reading
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “You Stand Alone”
 - “Be Thou My Vision”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - Psalm 38:3-9
- God’s grace
 - “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”
 - “Heavenly, Father, Beautiful Son”

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. Amen. (EFCA Statement of Faith)

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- “There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood”

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- “Great Things”

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- Jude 24-25

Growth Group Questions

1. Why was the issue of meat which was offered to idols such a controversial issue in the early church? What similar issues might we deal with today?
2. How does Paul want the church in Corinth to behave regarding meat offered to idols?
3. In v. 8 Paul encourages the church not to over-spiritualize food. How do we do this with similar issues? How does this verse caution those with both strong and weak consciences?
4. Why is it dangerous to encourage someone to ignore their conscience?
5. How should our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ influence how we handle our freedoms? Share some examples in your own life.

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 9:1-27