

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS













How should members within an assembly of believers exercise their Christian liberties and privileges? Conscience, Love, & Christian Liberty

1 Corinthians 8:7-13

A. The gods represented by idols aren't even real.

- B. God made all things "good," including meat for nourishment.
- C. Based on this knowledge, I am free to eat, all in good conscience.

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conscience con + scientia = with knowledge

suneidesis *sun* + *oida* = with knowledge

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Romans 14:23 "And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

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- 4. We should lovingly yield our liberty for the sake of another's conscience.