

# 1 CORINTHIANS

The Gospel  
in Community

WHEN FAITH AND LIFE COLLIDE

## Study 10

### THE GOSPEL IN AN IDOLATROUS CULTURE PART 1

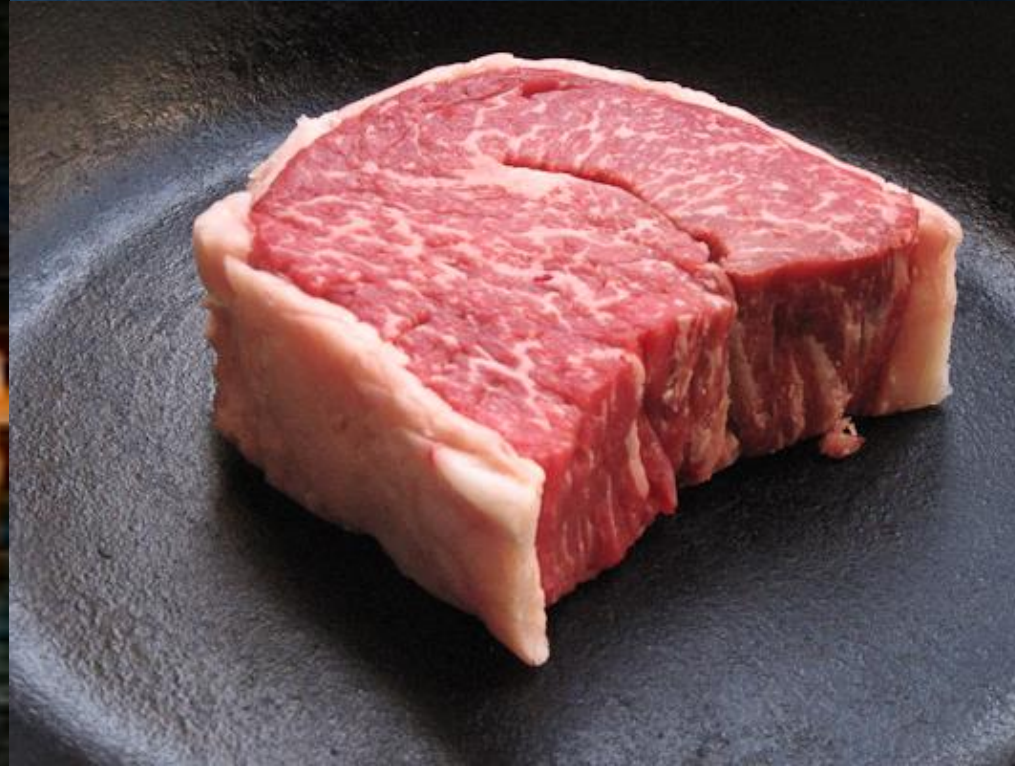
I Corinthians 8

# TEMPLES

Temple of Tyche



# THE CULTIC MEAL MEAT



**TEMPLE CULTIC MEAL**

**MEAT SOLD IN MARKET PLACE**



# THE GOSPEL AND AN IDOLATROUS CULTURE



1 Cor 8 :1 Now concerning food offered to idols:

**Chapter 8**  
Loving knowledge  
Don't stumble weaker

**Chapter 9**  
True Liberty  
Defense of Apostolic authority  
Sacrificing rights for sake of gospel

**Chapter 10**  
Dealing with temptation  
Reject idolatry- Do not partake of food offered to idols





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# LOVING KNOWLEDGE

## UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUES CULTURE POSES

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3. People are stumbled by imitating our behaviour but not having our conscience vv9-11
4. True freedom is found in the exercise of both love and knowledge (v. 13 and 1 Cor 10:25-29)







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# PETER REFUSES TO EAT WITH GENTILES



## WHO WAS STUMBLLED?

Galatians 2:11-14 (ESV) But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.



## WHO WAS STUMBLLED?

13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

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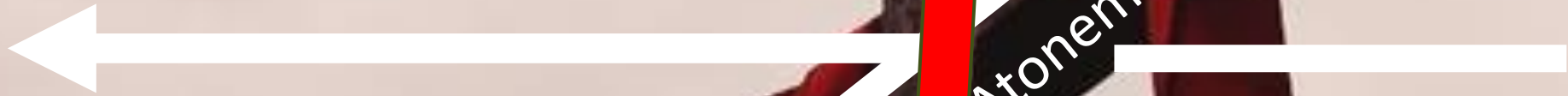
## **4. TRUE FREEDOM IS FOUND IN THE EXERCISE OF BOTH LOVE AND KNOWLEDGE (V. 13 AND 1 COR 10:25-29)**

- 1 Corinthians 8:13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.
- 1 Corinthians 10:25 25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience....Freedom
- Freedom is offered on the altar of love

1 Corinthians 10:28-29 28 But if someone says to you,  
"This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it,  
for the sake of the one who informed you, and for  
the sake of conscience- 29 I do not mean your  
conscience, but his.

# THREE DIMENSIONS OF GOSPEL WISDOM

Resurrection/forward-back.



Incarnation/upside-down



Atonement/inside-out







Tiger









# GIVE EACH OTHER LATITUDE-NO JUDGING

Romans 14:1-3 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.