



Galatians 3:7

The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God.





Genesis 13:9

"The whole countryside is open to you. Take your choice of any section of the land you want, and we will separate. If you want the land to the left, then I'll take the land on the right. If you prefer the land on the right, then I'll go to the left."





8:1 The question keeps coming up regarding meat that has been offered up to an idol: Should you

attend meals where such meat is served, or not? We sometimes tend to think we know all we need to know to answer these kinds of questions - 8:2 but sometimes our humble hearts can help us more than our proud minds. 8:3 We never really know enough until we recognize that God alone knows it all.

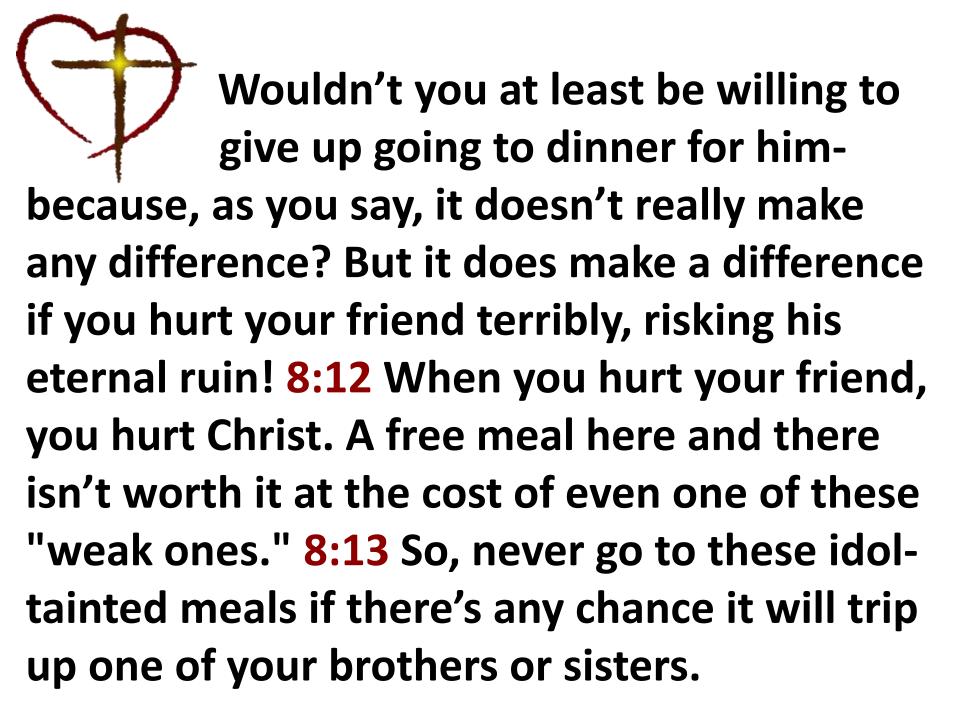
8:4 Some people say, quite rightly, that idols have no actual existence, that there's nothing to them, that there is no God other than our one God, 8:5 that no matter how many of these so-called gods are named and worshiped they still don't add up to anything but a tall story. 8:6 They say-again, quite rightly-that there is only one God the Father, that everything comes from him, and that he wants us to live for him.

Also, they say that there is only one Master-Jesus the Messiah-and that everything is for his sake, including us. Yes. It's true. 8:7 In strict logic, then, nothing happened to the meat when it was offered up to an idol. It's just like any other meat. I know that, and you know that. But knowing isn't everything. If it becomes everything, some people end up as know-italls who treat others as know-nothings. Real knowledge isn't that insensitive.

We need to be sensitive to the fact that we're not all at the same level of understanding in this. Some of you have spent your entire lives eating "idol meat," and are sure that there's something bad in the meat that then becomes something bad inside of you. An imagination and conscience shaped under those conditions isn't going to change overnight.

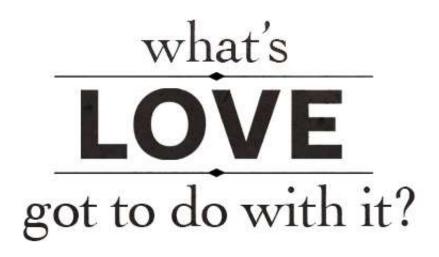
8:8 But fortunately God doesn't grade us on our diet. We're neither commended when we clean our plate nor reprimanded when we just can't stomach it. 8:9 But God does care when you use your freedom carelessly in a way that leads a Christian still vulnerable to those old associations to be thrown off track. 8:10 For instance, say you flaunt your freedom by going to a banquet thrown in honor of idols,

where the main course is meat sacrificed to idols. Isn't there great danger if someone still struggling over this issue, someone who looks up to you as knowledgeable and mature, sees you go into that banquet? The danger is that he will become terribly confused-maybe even to the point of getting mixed up himself in what his conscience tells him is wrong. 8:11 Christ gave up his life for that person.



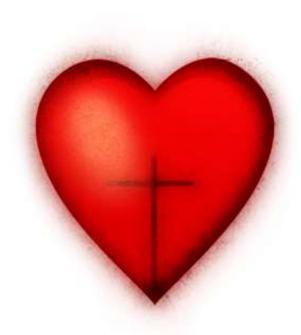




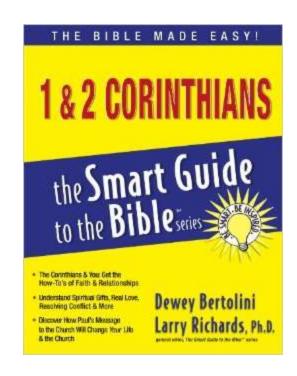




If Christ lay down His life for the salvation of others, shouldn't you and I be willing to lay down some of our own interests for the sake of a brother or sister's spiritual growth?



what's LOVE got to do with it?



1 Corinthians 8:4

"an idol is nothing"

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"about food sacrificed to idols"

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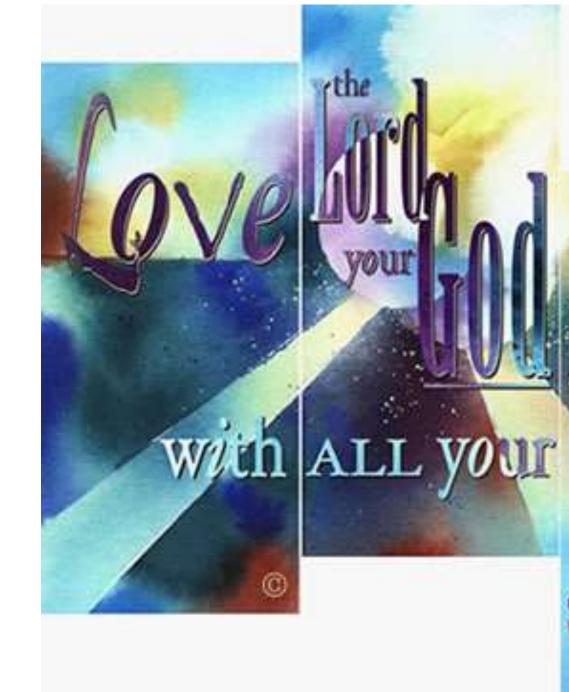
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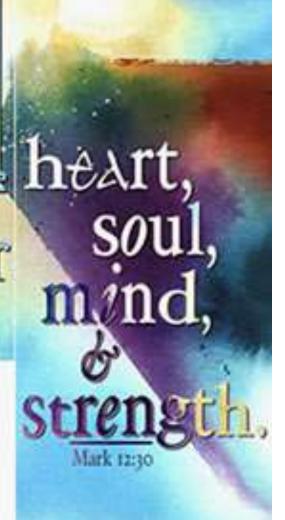
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-1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 -



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John 13:34-35 (KJV)

A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another; as I have loved you,
that ye also love one another.
By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.



Labour to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.



Corinthians 5:14

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