"Knowledge Exercised in Love"

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (ESV)

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers^[e] and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

TRUTH IN FOCUS

Christians should actively cultivate an attitude of brotherly love toward one another. This includes accommodating those brothers and sisters who struggle in certain areas of life. Our choices in life should be influenced by what will most edify our brothers and sisters in the Lord. This selfless approach to life was modeled perfectly by our Lord Christ, who gave up everything for the sake of His elect people. In God's economy, we truly are our brother's keeper.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #683	"Praise Him Praise Him"
Prayer Concerns	Pastor Keith Boothe
Scripture Reading	Psalm 100Greg Flannery
Hymn #705	"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving God"
Sermon	Pastor Jason K. Boothe
Communion	
Hymn #694	"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"
Closing Prayer	Pastor Keith Boothe

ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH (DV)

Please join us in prayer for the following plans and activities. Should you have further questions, please speak with an Elder following services.

<u>Financial News</u> - Last Sunday offering was \$220.00 Thank you for contributing to the ministries of our church as the Lord prospers you.

<u>Communion Sunday</u> Sunday, January 8, 2017 - We will serve the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of our worship service. We invite all of you who truly believe and rest in the Lord Jesus Christ for all salvation to join us in this great memorial service given by our Lord to His church.

Spring Bible Conference Pastor Jason will be preaching at Sequoyah Baptist Church in Cherokee, NC Friday March 17-19 (Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning). Everyone is invited to come enjoy the fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Cherokee, NC!



Horizons Baptist Church is committed to providing a strong and uncompromising Gospel witness of God's free and Sovereign Grace in Christ. If we can assist you in learning more about the Gospel, please reach out to a Pastor following the service.

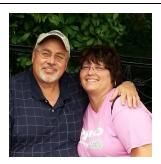


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Worship Services for Sunday, 8 January, 2017