

# What's the Big Deal about Idols?

1 Corinthians 8:1-8

(series #31)

**Intro: the difficulties involved in understanding the text**

- 1) It says some things are wrong for some people, not for others**
- 2) It addresses the cultural issue of eating meat offered to idols**
- 3) Many Christians misuse the passage**
  - It is not talking about preferences, likes, dislikes
  - It is talking about leading a brother to sin
  - It is not a license to sin (Galatians 5:13)

**I. The Discussion of Knowledge vv. 1-3**

- A. The Corinthians had knowledge v. 1a**
- B. Knowledge has the potential for wrong v. 1b**
  - 1. It can cause pride in the heart**
  - 2. It can tear down other Christians**
- C. Our knowledge is always limited v. 2**
- D. Knowledge must be connected with love v. 3**

**II. The Discussion of Meat and Idols vv. 4-8**

- A. An Idol is nothing v. 4**
- B. There is only one God v. 5**
- C. This one God is more than one person v. 6**  
**(John 1:3, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2)**
- D. Not all Christians have full understanding v.7**
- E. Food is not a moral issue v. 8**