**CHAPTER 8**

*Though an idol be nothing, yet things offered up to idols are not to be eaten, for fear of scandal.*

**1** Now concerning those things that are sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up; but charity edifieth.

**2** And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he hath not yet known as he ought to know.

**3** But if any man love God, the same is known by him.

**4** But as for the meats that are sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no God but one.

**5** For although there be that are called gods, either in heaven or on earth (for there be gods many, and lords many);

**6** Yet to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

**7** But there is not knowledge in every one. For some until this present, with conscience of the idol: eat as a thing sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

**8** But meat doth not commend us to God. For neither, if we eat, shall we have the more; nor, if we eat not, shall we have the less.

**9** But take heed lest perhaps this your liberty become a stumblingblock to the weak.

**10** For if a man see him that hath knowledge sit at meat in the idol’s temple, shall not his conscience, being weak, be emboldened to eat those things which are sacrificed to idols?

**11** And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ hath died?

**12** Now when you sin thus against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

**13** Wherefore, if meat scandalize my brother, I will never eat flesh, lest I should scandalize my brother.