

1 Corinthians 8

Passage Reflection

This page is meant for individuals, small group Bible studies, or one-on-one interactions. Since learning more about the text's meaning in our corporate gathering, I would encourage you to meditate on the passage again so that you might respond to God in praise and obedience.

While I have not answered all of the questions below for you, I've included some of my personal meditations that may be of some benefit. May reflection on this passage be used by God to conform you into the image of Christ.

-Pastor Andrew

What do I learn about God?

(8:6) We learn that through God the Father we exist. And, we also learn that through Jesus, the Son we exist. Both Father and Son are to be seen as our Creator.

Is there anything for which I should repent based on this text?

Is there any way that I have troubled the conscience of another brother or sister? If so, confess to them.

How might God use this passage to make me look more like Christ?

Love people in the church. Consider their consciences. Protect my brothers and sisters.

How does this passage affect evangelism?

The Corinthian Christians were tempted to continue eating food in idol's temples. They knew that an idol was nothing, but refusing to eat in the temple would have hurt them socially with people in Corinth. Paul urges them to think about how this would affect another weaker brother or sister. Evidently, being welcomed by the unbelievers around is isn't as important as protecting the conscience of another Christian. We don't want to do evangelism to the world if it in any way harms the brothers and sisters around us.

How can I edify the church based on what this passage says?

When it comes to Christian liberty, I need to be careful to take other's consciences into consideration. More than that, I must love them in a way that seeks to protect them.

Prayer