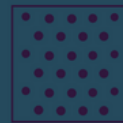




Rights & Freedom



FEBRUARY 5, 2023 / THE POWER OF LOVE / 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

THE NEW COMMUNITY CREATED BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS WAS UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE. UNLIKE THE OLD TESTAMENT PEOPLE OF GOD, THE CHURCH INCLUDED PEOPLE FROM MANY DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. WHAT MADE THEM A COMMUNITY WAS THEIR NEW FREEDOM IN CHRIST AND THEIR GROWING LOVE FOR EACH OTHER.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13.

1. Have you ever been judged by another Christian for participating in what you considered a morally neutral activity?
2. What was missing for those with a 'weak conscience' in this passage (1 Corinthians 8:6)? (see Romans 8:33-34)
3. What does the Apostle Paul suggest should be the primary characteristic of the strong or mature Christian (1 Corinthians 8:1b)? (see Romans 15:1-2)
4. What is the primary reason for the caution here about the misuse of one's rights and freedoms as a Christian (1 Corinthians 8:12)? (see Matthew 25:45)
5. In your actions or attitudes, are other believers around you brought closer to Jesus?

God and Father, help me to live more in a way that protects and serves the spiritually weak around me.