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Lesson #8 = Saints Can Overcome... Problems Regarding Liberty (I Corinthians 8)

Introduction: We are in a series entitled: "SAINTS CAN OVERCOME." Before addressing the problems in Corinth... Paul called the brethren "saints" (I Corinthians 1:2). He knew they could overcome their problems if they focused on positive things. Today we will talk about overcoming problems regarding liberty. Please open your Bible to I Corinthians chapter 8. Let's read and study together...

Discussion:

I. What Is The Problem?

- The culture was full of idolatry.
I Corinthians 8:1-8, Exodus 20:3, Joshua 24:14-15, Psalm 106:19-22, Isaiah 42:8
- The church was consumed by image.
I Corinthians 8:7-9, Deuteronomy 4:23, Judges 10:13-16, 17:6, 21:25, Proverbs 21:2
- The community was full of imagination.
I Corinthians 8:10-13, Genesis 8:21, Luke 1:51, 16:13, II Corinthians 10:5

II. How Can We Overcome It?

- Liberty focuses on love, not our own knowledge.
I Corinthians 8:1-3, 7-8, 13:1-13, John 13:34-35, Romans 2:1, 12:10, 13:8, II Timothy 2:19
- Liberty focuses on the lost, not our own independence.
I Corinthians 8:4-6, 9-11, 6:12-20, Mark 10:45, II Corinthians 13:14, Romans 14:3, 13
- Liberty focuses on the larger picture, not our own spirituality.
I Corinthians 8:12-13, Isaiah 45:23, Romans 14:1-23, Philippians 4:6, I Timothy 4:4

Conclusion: Why would we choose to force our own liberties and freedoms on others? The problems in Corinth were deep rooted, but they could be solved. They needed to learn the true benefits of freedom. Saints can overcome problems with liberty. We need to redirect our focus toward Jesus Christ. Are you choosing worldliness or godliness? Are you seeking the will of God? We are Saints. We can overcome.