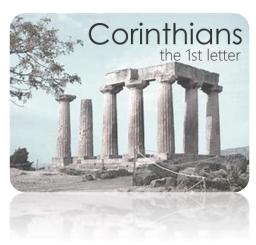
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Jesus said, <u>I will build My Church</u>. And knowing that, Paul gives us many interesting details as to what that lively edifice looks like: Paul speaks to those in Corinth not in hocus pocus spiritual sounding speech, but in meaty familiar context of straight talk. 1 Corinthians 3 when he said:

brothers, I could not speak to you as spiritual, but as carnal sarkikos from sarx, meaning: flesh, the thin veneer on the surface. In Acts we read: the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon all sarx which sounds like a good thing, doesn't it? Paul, a good teacher, who was taught by the Best is not using a condemnatory tone in this 1st letter, much like we hear from self-righteous peddlers. To Romans, Paul wrote: to be carnally minded is death... We should understand that verse: to be only carnally minded is deadly, since God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.



Concerning food to idols,

¹ Now about food offered to idols, we know that "we all have knowledge". Knowledge puffs up pride, but love builds up / remember those in the empire offered to their many idols... burnt offerings of little birds, goats, lambs, and on occasion, even their own innocent babies.

² And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he does not yet know it as he ought to know it.

³But if anyone loves God, that one is known by Him.

⁴ So about eating food sacrifice to idols, we know that "an idol is nothing in the world", and that "there is no God but One".

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth -- as there are many "gods", and many "lords",

⁶Yet for us there is one God, the Father.

All things are from Him, and we exist for Him; and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom everything exists, and we exist for Him.

⁷ However, not everyone has this knowledge. Some have been so used to idolatry until now, that when they eat food offered to an idol; their conscience being weak is defiled.

⁸ But food does not bring us close to God: and we are not worse off if we do not eat; and we are not better off if we do eat.

⁹ But be careful that this right of yours should become a stumblingblock to the weak.

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¹⁰ For if someone sees you – the one who has knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, won't his weak conscience be encouraged to eat those things offered to idols?

¹¹ So the weak one – the brother or sister for whom Christ died, is ruined by your knowledge.

¹² Now, when you sin against brothers and sisters, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother or sister to stumble, I will never again eat meat, so I don't cause my brother of sister to stumble / and what was in that meat any ways?

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