

# Wisdom from Paul

## Dealing with Differences

1 Corinthians 8:1-13



### IMPORTANT CONTEXT:

- This “book” is a letter that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The question of food sacrificed to idols \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- This question \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- This issue \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Paul’s thoughts on this question are covered \_\_\_\_\_  
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### WHAT PAUL SAYS:

1. Whether you eat this or not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (8:4-6,8,10:25-27)
2. What matters is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (8:7,9-13; 10:28-29, 31-33)

### PRINCIPLES FROM THIS:

1. We disagree about a lot of things ... some \_\_\_\_\_  
and some \_\_\_\_\_ (and everybody thinks THEIR THING IS ESSENTIAL)
  - Bible accuracy/inerrancy
  - Creation vs. evolution
  - Can women be leaders in church
  - Using contemporary music in worship
  - How to respond to homosexuality and gender
  - Politics
  - With each one of these questions, people are very quick to judge others, and determine that if you disagree with my view, then you are not a Christian
  - It seems pretty dangerous to tack a lot of conditions and requirements to what true “saving faith” is, and to determine who is beyond God’s willingness to save
2. When it comes to disagreements, there are two approaches:  
the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Our ultimate concern needs to be \_\_\_\_\_
  - but do keep in mind that what is “loving” is not always gentle—like a doctor who removes a limb to save a patient