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## Christ, Culture, & The Cross

*Tension And Transformation*

1 Corinthians 8:7-13

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### Where We Left Off . . .

For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and ***through whom we live.*** (1 Corinthians 8:6, emphasis added)

When we're making decisions on how to live . . . it's not just a matter of whether it's right or wrong, but you need to look through the lens of how will your actions impact others in the body of Christ . . . The most important thing is not to be right on every issue. The most important thing is to love and build up the body. (Michael Yearley)

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## Should We Or Shouldn't We?

### The Issue: Meat Sacrificed To A Pagan Idol

Discussing the central agora (market square) of Corinth, Pausanias [Greek geographer] mentions temples and statues for Dionysus, Artemis, Baccheaus, Fortune, Poseidon, Apollo, Aphrodite, Hermes, Zeus, Zeus of the Underworld, Zeus Most High and the Muses. Two general markets hugged the wall of the great archaic pagan temple and a fish and meat market was across a narrow street. On the west side of the agora was a huge temple dedicated to the imperial cult.

(Kenneth E. Baily, *Paul Through Mediterranean Eyes*)

### Two Truths From The Passage

- There Are \_\_\_\_\_ ...

And They \_\_\_\_\_!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is An \_\_\_\_\_ For

\_\_\_\_\_.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this **only to test him**, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. (John 6:5-6, emphasis added)

## Loving Amidst Tension

We Need Jesus To **Open Our Eyes** To . . .

1) \_\_\_\_\_

We are not able to love one another because we do not have our minds filled with an accurate vision of God. (Dallas Willard, *Life Without Lack*)

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

So often the introduction of light into a room seems like exactly the wrong thing . . . The soul reels back and tries to apply the dimmer. But God's light is sure and true. Eventually, the eyes adjust . . . and the big obstacles to trust and love thrown away.

(Anne Kennedy, *Nailed It: 365 Readings for Angry or Worn Out People*)

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