

# CONCERNING LIBERTY

Tomorrow (Sunday, 10/24) we continue our series in the book of 1 Corinthians (8:1-13) by turning our attention to another controversial topic the Corinthian church had been debating among themselves.

The sensitive matter had to do with food that Christians had purchased. The problem was not what was purchased but it's origin. In that day the best and least expensive of meats were to be found in the pagan temples that littered the city.

Many of the Corinthians had come out of pagan idolatry. And, once the Holy Spirit had convicted them of sin and their need for salvation, they fled as far away from their old life as possible. The eyes of their heart had been illuminated to the life saving message of Jesus and the destructive nature of sin.

So, when those who had been liberated from idolatry saw other Christians purchasing and participating in feasts that had been dedicated to pagan deities, it brought severe conviction to their soul.

In an attempt to deal with their dilemma the church had written Paul to ask him how to solve a festering problem that could derail what the Holy Spirit was doing in and among them.

Paul's response to the church is one that is still valid today. The Holy Spirit had inspired the Apostle to answer the Corinthians' question in such a way that two thousand years later Christians would still be able to apply in their walk with God.

I've entitled our series, in 1 Corinthians, "*Living Upright in a Fallen World*". It is my prayer the Holy Spirit will ignite a fire in

our hearts. And, a desire to burn brightly, for Him, in a world that is desperate to know the power of the Gospel.

Look forward to our time together. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Calvary Chapel family.

There are several opportunities for worship. On campus (10:00am), drive-in church (92.1fm), and online (Facebook and YouTube: Calvary Inverness)

Jesus Our Righteousness,  
Pastor