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How Are We To Get Along with One Another? I Cor. 8-11:1

Section Outline- Food Offered to Idols and Christian Liberty in the Body of Christ

The Principle Explained 8:1-13

The Principle Illustrated 9:1-27

The Peril of Participation 10:1-22

The Principle Applied 10:23-11:1

The Principle of Christian liberty in morally indifferent matters maintains that the liberty of a knowledgeable Christian must be regulated by the love of the weaker brother. The difficulty is in knowing who is the weaker brother?

- I. Knowledge is to be governed and guided by love because love edifies and knowledge puffs up :1-3
 - A. The Historical Reality :1a

 - B. The Spiritual Reality :1b-3
 1. The Danger of Man “Knowing”

 2. The Delight of “Being Known” by God

- II. Idols are of no significance because there is only one true God :4-12
 - A. The Theological Truth --There is only One God :4-6
 1. There is no power of an “idol” in the world.

 2. But men think and function like there are so called gods- hence idols.

 3. Christians know that there is only one God.

****NB.** But there are many gods and many lords on earth. :5 (Or is this a Corinthian saying?)
But behind the idol can be a demon. I Cor 10:20! (Eph 6, I John 5, 2 Cor 4:4)

Theological Excursus

1. Biblical Fact

There is one GOD Yahweh Deut 6:4, I Cor. 8:4, Isa 43:10-12, 45:4-7, 21-23, 46:8-9. His names are Yahweh- I am, Adonai, (Adonis) El, Elohim, El Shaddai almighty Gen 17:1, El Elyon- most high Gen 14

2. Cultural Folklore (ANE Ancient Near East)

Many in the ancient world had El and Elohim. Ugarit= Canaanite religion. Ugaritic

3. Theological Focus

a. Yahweh is unique. One of a kind. There is no other. God is One
Deut 6:4, I Cor. 8:4, Isa 43:10-12, 45:4-7, 21-23, 46:8-9.

b. Elohim is a description of supernatural beings that can be other than Yahweh in the bible

c. "Sons of God" in OT are created beings and are called Elohim. Sons of elohim

d. Sons of Elohim are distinct from Yahweh and watched as Yahweh created the earth.
Job 38:4-7

e. Sons of God can function as a divine council under Yahweh direction.

1. Divine Council meeting. Job 1:6, 2:1 (Includes satan)

2. The El judges the elohim for being evil judges of men. Psalm 82

3. The nations were divided -scattered into 12 parts from Babel Gen 11:8. The Elohim influence- guide them. Yahweh has as his portion: the new Adam called Abraham who is called of God. Gen 12. Deut 32:8

4. The elohim guide and rule the kingdoms of man. Dan 10:13 Deut 32:8

5. Yahweh is above all elohim which He created. Psalm 89

6. Yahweh assigns elohim- host of heaven- for His purposes and glory. I Kgs 22:19

7. Angelic host worship Yahweh. Rev 4-5. One day every knee will bow Philp 2:10

GOD has His family of divine beings. He also has His family of human beings who are chosen to rule and have dominion over all creation. (We are brothers of Jesus-Heb 2:10-11)

In the divine world it is the divine council. They are called the sons of Elohim.

In the human world we are the metachoi partners of Christ set to rule with Him. Hebrews 2-4,

Dan 7. We shall be called sons of God. Heb 2 and rule an everlasting kingdom Heb 12:28

Man will judge and guide angels and rule the world I Cor. 6:2-3 as we rule the kingdom of GOD.

Rev 21:26-27. The original creation plan of man ruling over all creation in Eden will be fulfilled by man in the rulership of the Kingdom of God Rev 20-22.

Always remember- the devil is an angel of light, a liar and a counterfeit. He twists and distorts the scripture. Many of these concepts are twisted by the devil in a teaching we call today- Mormonism.