

Week 5 - Law, Liberty, License

Day 33

Read: 1 Corinthians 8

To finish off this concept of law, liberty and license, we can find some grounding truths in this passage.

1. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Haven't you found that sometimes, that someone can be so knowledgeable, even about the word of God, but you can't feel any love coming off them. And while their expertise and understanding is truly confounding, something is missing, because you don't necessarily leave feeling built up. You haven't been loved, you've just been informed. Love is the guiding motivator. Love is the foundational article. Love conquers all.

2. The exercise of your freedom shouldn't be a stumbling block to the weak.

The weak here is the person who doesn't have the same revelation about their freedoms as you do. So you show restraint in your freedom, because you love them and don't want to put them off. Paul goes so far as to say that if necessary, he would never eat meat again, just so that his brother in Christ wouldn't have to deal with his conscience.

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Question: Would you so restrain yourself that you would deny yourself a great pleasure, simply because it helped someone else?

Prayer: Lord, I need to live a life of love. Let love be my guiding motivator, let it be my foundational article, let it conquer all, including whatever is upsetting in me. In Jesus' name, Amen.