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## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

### "Flee Idolatry"

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1 Corinthians 10:14 -11:1

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Introduction: 1 Corinthians is a letter from Paul to the church at Corinth where he addresses the many problems the church faced.

1. Starting in chapter 8, he began dealing with things sacrificed to idols. It was a significant problem in the early church.
2. Paul will conclude this section in today's text.
3. So far, he has:
  - Shared practical principles to address questionable things.
  - Used his life experience as a role model.
  - Warned them of the danger of carelessness.
  - Explained how they could overcome temptation.
4. Today he reminds them of the core issue and gives them some specific guidelines.

#### I. Flee Idolatry

##### A. Two Illustrations

- The Lord's Table
- The Old Testament Sacrifices

##### B. The Application

- Clarification
- Reality

#### II. Practical Principles

##### A. General Guidelines

- Profit

- Edification
- Glory
- Offense
- Imitation

##### B. Specific Application

- The Market
- Associations

Conclusion: We do not live in a black and white world. Instead, there are many gray areas where followers of Jesus will disagree.

1. The issues have changed, the answers have not.
2. The core issue here is control.
3. Nothing should ever threaten God's role in our lives.
4. He and He alone should control our lives.
5. Despite that reality, there are many things in this world that compete with God for control.
6. We must win that battle every day!
7. By fleeing idolatry and following these principles, we can ... and we will.