

Message Notes

"Knowledge. Love. Freedom."

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *The Greatest Movie Ever Made!!*

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1 Corinthians 8:1a

"Now about" s in 1 Corinthians

Herman Who?

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2. If particulars are the same, then it is 'straight up' God's word to us
3. If particulars are different, then we need to extract the principles from the situation, and apply those principles to our lives.

Historical Situation in Corinth

The danger of being in the know

1 Corinthians 8:1b-3

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1 Corinthians 8:4-6

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1 Corinthians 8:7-8

A little Alice Cooper

Exercising without Stumbling

1 Corinthians 8:9-11

Sinning without Sinning

1 Corinthians 8:12-13

Application – *"An invitation to be free, and to love on others!"*

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Welcome to the
Church in
Corinth:

The Bridezilla
of Christ!



SEX AND THE CITY

OF CORINTH



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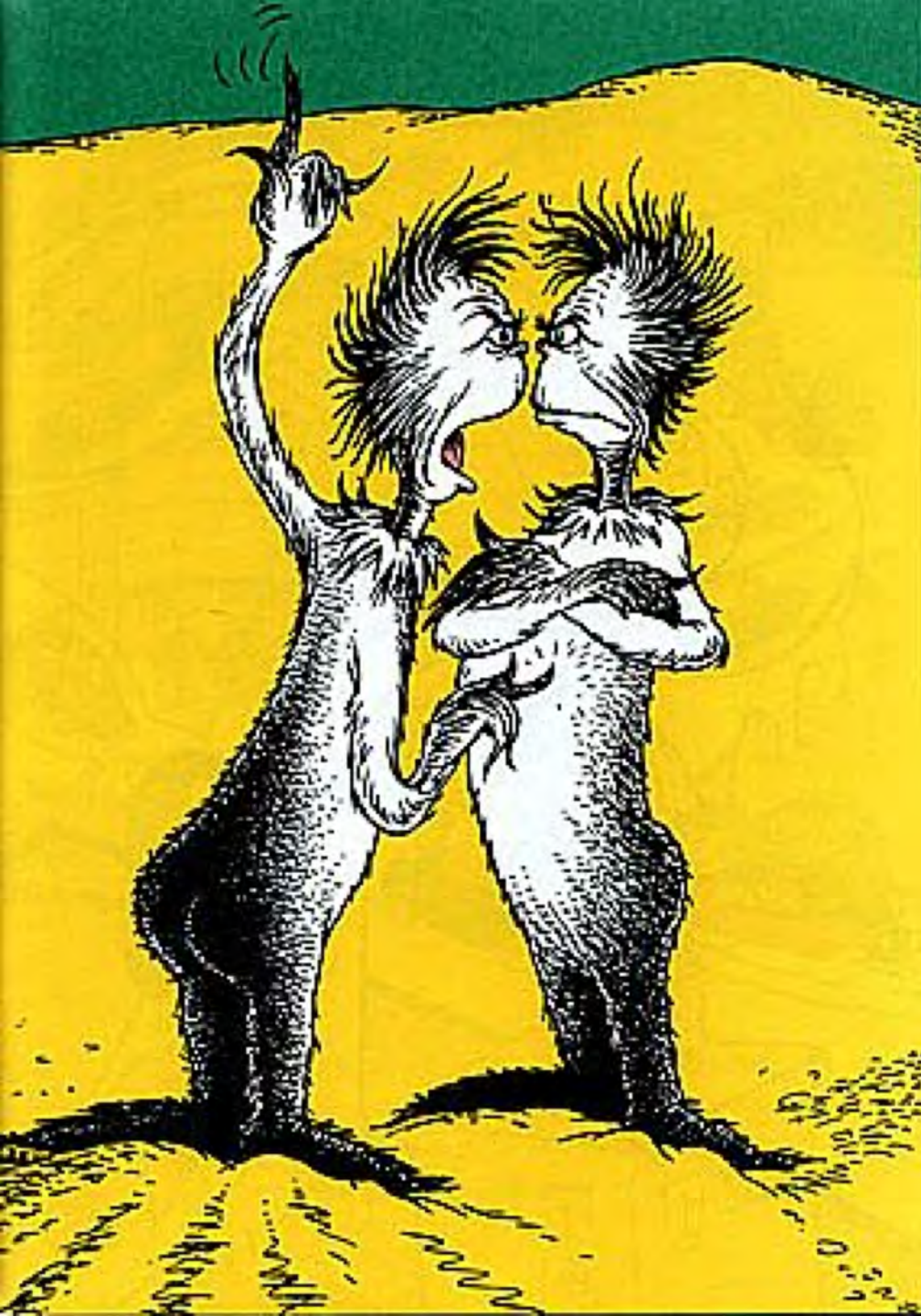
CHURCH IN CRISIS

A STUDY OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ANCIENT CORINTH

PART 3 - 1 COR 7

RELATIONAL SIMPLEXITY!

SINGLENESSE DIVORCE SEX IN MARRIAGE
MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE



EGR ~

Extra Grace
Required





FREEDOM!

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1 Corinthians 16:1

Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.

1 Corinthians 16:12

Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity.

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Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three come together in my name,
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John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his
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For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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Romans 5:8

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1 Corinthians 11:6a

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2 Timothy 4:13

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas,
and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

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Meat was sold in the marketplaces that had been offered to pagan Gods.

1. Should you eat it?
2. Should you eat if offered at another person's house?
3. How about social gatherings?
4. How about eating it at the temple, since it was free there?
5. How about actually taking part of the pagan ceremony to see if the idol actually will do something?



The Difficult Ride of the Christian Life



Legalism

Slippery Slope

License



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I Cor 8:1-13

Now, in the
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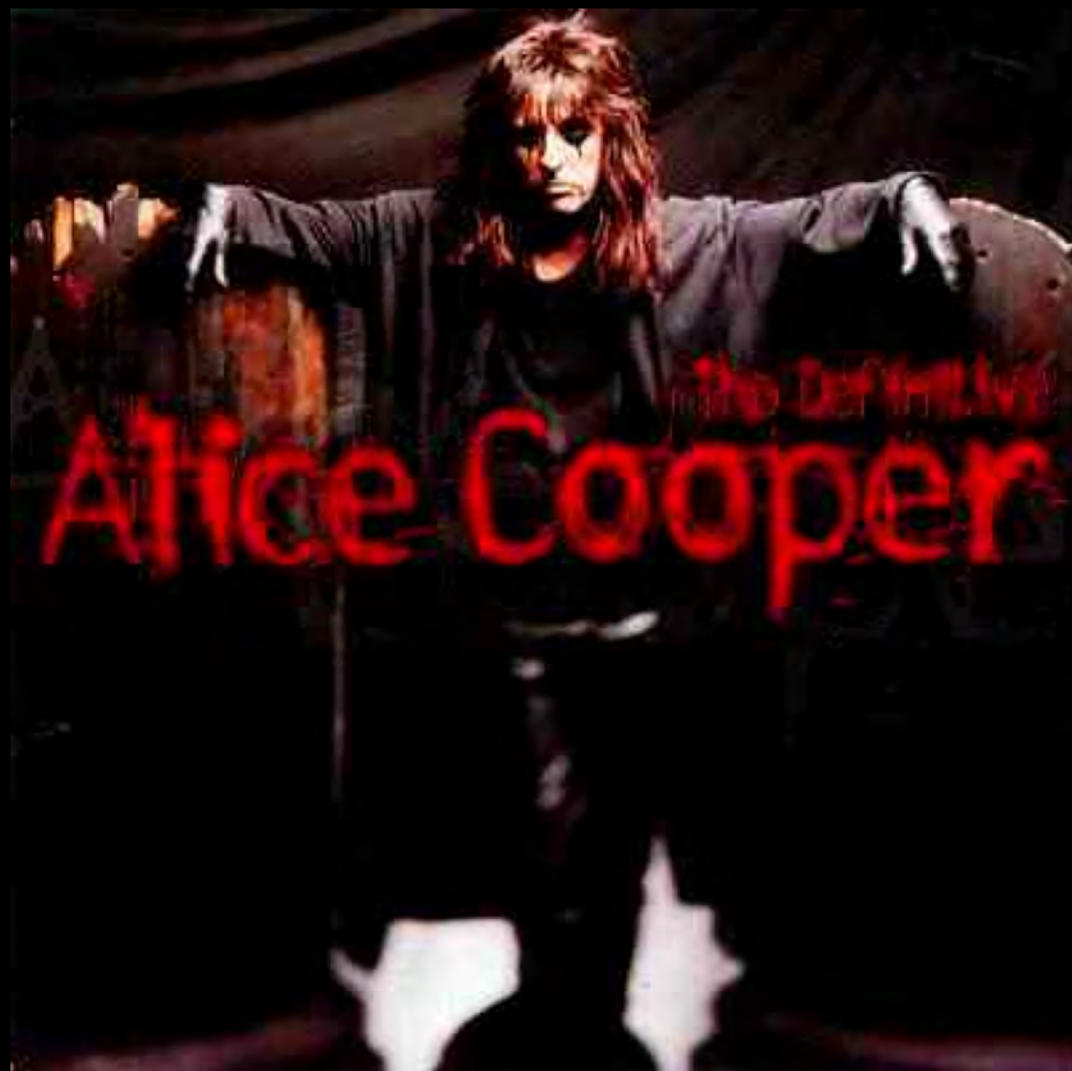
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Wish you were here – Alice Cooper

I sent you a postcard, Thought it would be funny,
Would have sent a souvenir, But they took all my
money, It's pretty warm down here but it ain't
sunny.

And I'm having a hell of a time, my dear
Wish you were here

I tried to call you, I tried to call you, Long
damn rates are so high, They just appall
distance operators that only stall you, Besides the

It started out a nice vacation, Left the station right on time, Can't get a ticket to
get me home, dear, They just don't have too many flights from twilight zone,
dear, So don't forget to feed my cats, Spot and Jerome, dear

Seeing all the sights here, I'm getting lonely, I'd show you all the film I took if
they would only, let me go homedear, sincerely.

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