Welcome to...

Livingston Fellowship

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How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

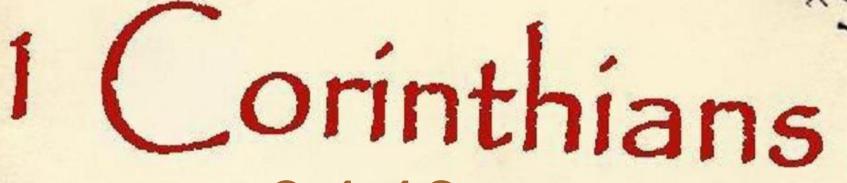
Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FREEDOM



8:1-13 NLT

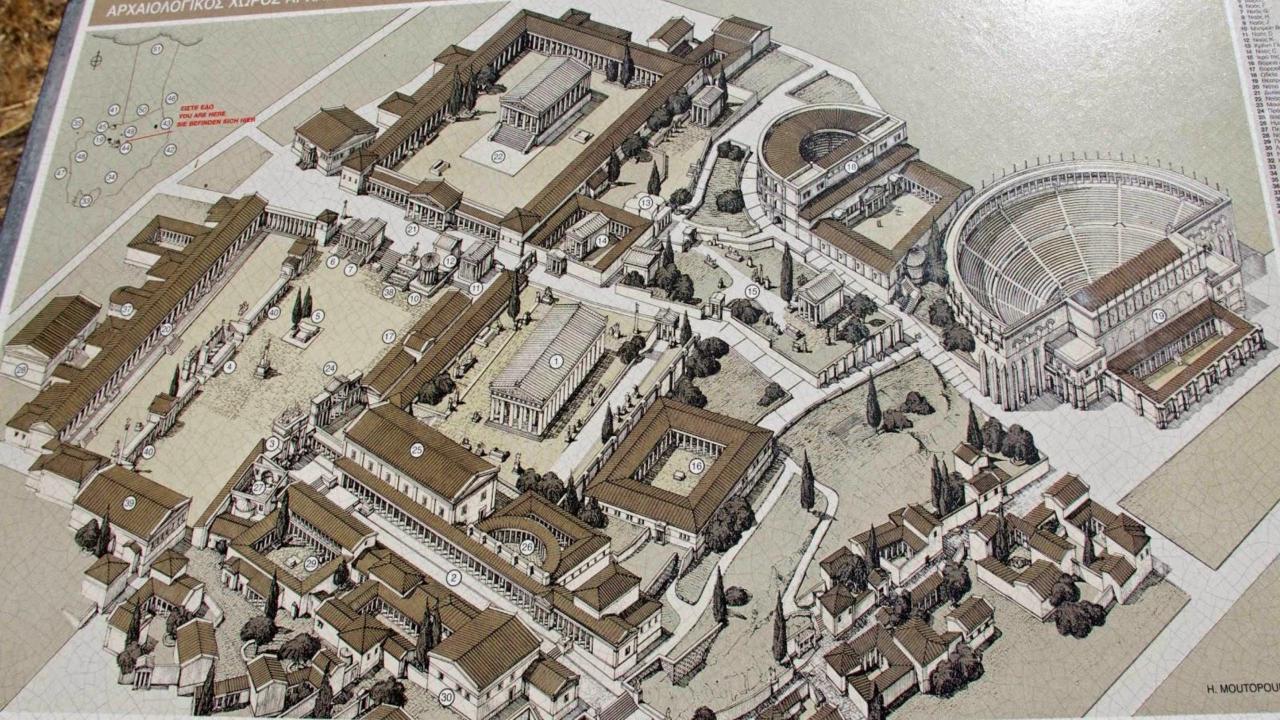


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I. RIGHTEOUS KNOWLEDGE

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² If they think they have knowledge do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves truly knows

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- A. Truth Scripture speaks unequivocally
- B. Interpretation deduced but not explicit
- C. Conviction personal to my walk with Christ

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⁴ So, what about eating meat that has been offered to idols? Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God. ⁵ There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords.

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The Responsibility of Freedom

Corinthians

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⁶ But for us,

There is one God, the Father, by Whom all things were created, and for Whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom all things were created, and through Whom we live.

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⁷ However, not all believers know this. Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and their weak consciences are violated. 8 It's true that we can't win God's approval by what we eat. We don't lose anything if we don't eat it, and we don't gain anything if we do.



Galatians 4:9

But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces [principles]? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? -

Matthew 23:4

They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

III. TRUE LOVE

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⁹ But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. 10 For if others see you—with your "superior knowledge"—eating in the temple of an idol, won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol?

III. TRUE LOVE

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¹¹ So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. ¹² And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. 13 So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live—for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble.