

Hope Chapel North Shore

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1st Corinthians – Spanking the Saints
8:1-13 – “Freedom + Love = Maturity”

1. There is a danger that with increasing knowledge we might get arrogant and not love others as we ought, and thus grieve God. v.1-3

2. There is a foundational knowledge that there is only one true GOD, there are many false gods and idols, but they are not GOD. v.4-6

3. There are some of God’s family who do not understand or have the freedom we might in a certain area. v.7
(matter of convictions, past experiences, or spiritual maturity)

4. Our use, or lack of use of our freedoms does not make us more or less spiritual, unless we are stumbling someone, then we are being selfish and are in sin. v.8-12

5. As followers of Jesus we are called to love those around us by using our freedom in such a way as to help others. v.13

If we are not free to not, then we are not free!

Freedom – Love = Selfishness

Love – Freedom = Bondage

Freedom + Love = Maturity