

Idol Food

The problem of eating food offered to idols must have been a major concern of the Apostle Paul because he devotes various verses of three chapters in his letter to the Corinthians to deal with this issue (see 1 Corinthians 8-10).

So what? How does that concern us? Perhaps we should just skip over those verses since we don't have idol worship anyway.

Also the Jerusalem Council warned against this problem in their letters to the Gentile believers (Acts 15:23-24). Not only that but two churches Pergamos and Thyatira are rebuked by Jesus for eating "food sacrificed to idols" (Revelation 2:14,20)

Perhaps we need to understand what was happening in the 1st century pagan world and why the Jewish Council, Paul and Jesus were so concerned with this problem.

When food was brought to the pagan temple as a sacrifice to the god's only a small portion of it was actually burned on the altar. The majority of the offered food survived to be either sold by the priest in the marketplace or eaten by the worshiper in a dining room located in the temple. These dinners then became a type of worship and cultic rituals. Christians were forbidden to join in these meals because their participation involved a level of intimacy with a pagan god that made the Christian guilty of idolatry.

In our real life world we Christians live with idols. Of course these idols are not wood or stone but idols of the mind. Any form of temptation, desire, or even lust which draws us away from the Lord, is a type of idol worship. Disappointments, failures and sickness might leave us bewildered and adrift from our foundation of faith.

I have come to recognize this in my own life. If I can deal with my idols, then I can better equip myself to overcome them. Through prayer and worship, I have a chance to overcome the need for the "meat" of idol worship.

It is the beauty of Christian fellowship which also helps to sustain and strengthen me.

We gather with other Christians, not to eat the meat offered to idols, but to feast on the bounty of good things given by God to those who love Him. Therefore I count on my community of faith, the Church, as we help to sustain each other.

"So whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31).

No idol meat for us!



STERLINGTON Church of Christ



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

11/28/21

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Lord's Table-** Rick Cook
Opening prayer- Todd Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

December 5th

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

- Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**
- Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer or online at www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com.



Please Pray For:

Carolyn Jones, Linda Garris, Vee Boren, Ed Haltom, Larry Randolph, Elaine Sawyer Cardinal, Sharon Sawyer Morris, David Davis, Brian Fisher, Brenda Fricke, Debbie Walker, Jean Delukie, Gracie Aaron, Randy Fallin, Donald Reeves, Dan Bryan, Clyde Wilson.

Bereaved: Families of Sue Simpson, Jesse Dawson Jr, Don Talley, Larry Whitehead, Levi Buckley.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Renita Thomas, Elizabeth Hollis, Dinky Douglas, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Cindy Jenny, Gay Black, Adam White.

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Epistles (Sunday)	The Law (Monday)	History (Tuesday)	Psalms (Wednesday)	Poetry (Thursday)	Prophecy (Friday)	Gospels (Saturday)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1John 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Deut. 20-22	<input type="checkbox"/> Neh. 1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 137-139	<input type="checkbox"/> Eccl 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Malachi	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 19-20



November birthdays

- 3 - Elaine Reppond
- 5 - Glenda Wells
- 6 - Sandra Nappier
- 8 - Brad Smith
- 10 - Bo Dalrymple
- 11- Carlton Silmon
- 11 - Tommy Wells
- 13 - Susie McGough
- 20 - Dana Fowler
- 25 - Dan Ross Jr.
- 26 - Brock Dalrymple
- 28 - Dena White
- 30 - Ayden Richardson

November anniversaries

- 3 - Ronnie and Dena White
- 17 - Buddy and Carlton Hollis
- 18 - Randy and Kathy Manning
- 21 - Travis and Rhonda Rogers
- 26 - Dwain and Betty Flowers

December birthdays

- 5 - Joanie Franklin
- 14 - Wayne Fowler
- 15 - Jonah Scharf
- 22 - Brad Farrington
- 26 - Matt Scharf
- 27 - Rick Cook
- 30 - Dwain Flowers

December anniversaries

- 5 - Dan and Ethel Ross
- 10 - Rick and Sandy Van Loon
- 18 - Gary and Sharon Harris
- 27 - Leo and Shirley Goodwin
- 28 - Tommy and Joanie Franklin

