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is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?¹⁷ For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.¹⁸ Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?¹⁹ What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?²⁰ But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.²¹ Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.²² Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?²³ All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.²⁴ Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.²⁵ Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:²⁶ For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.²⁷ If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.²⁸ But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:²⁹ Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?³⁰ For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give

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