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*Presbyterian Principles: God alone  
is Lord of the conscience*  
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*1 Corinthians 10:23-32*

Corinth in the first century was a busy commercial hub, a cultural crossroads, a Roman city, part of the empire, teeming with travelers, immigrants, sailors, outcasts, merchants, soldiers, impoverished people, wealthy citizens, free and enslaved persons, Greek-speakers, Latin speakers, Jews, practitioners of a wide variety of religions.

Archaeologists have found there more than two dozen temples and shrines to a veritable smorgasbord of gods of the time. One early traveler reported that right next to the Roman Forum in Corinth was a “temple for all the gods.”  
(J. Paul Sampley, *The New Interpreter’s Bible*, vol. X [Knoxville: Abingdon Press, 2002],