I'm Not Sure Why, But I'm Offended!

1 Corinthians 8

1 Corinthians 8:1-3

Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

How many Gods are there?

1 Corinthians 8:7-13

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However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

1 Corinthians 8:4

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What is a stumbling block?

It is an action that is not inherently sinful.

• Christ and the cross are both referred to as "stumbling blocks" or "offenses".

 A stumbling block can be any action seen by a weaker brother which causes him to violate his conscience.

I'm Offended!

 When someone says, "I'm offended", they might actually mean, "I'm uncomfortable".

 Am I really offended to the point of stumbling? Or am I actually just intolerant?

Oh, the irony!

Those who are spiritually mature enough to be familiar with the term "stumbling block" should also be tolerant and mature enough not to trip over one.

James 4:12

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?