

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Examples and Warnings (Part 1)

1st Corinthians 10:1-13 NKJV –

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,

2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

3 all ate the same spiritual food,

1st Corinthians 10:1-13 NKJV –

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

1st Corinthians 10:1-13 NKJV –

6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

7 And do not become idolaters as [were] some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

1st Corinthians 10:1-13 NKJV –

8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;

9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

1st Corinthians 10:1-13 NKJV –

10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

1st Corinthians 10:1-13 NKJV –

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10

A Caution to the Strong (chapters 8-10)

Privileges don't guarantee success (v. 1–4)

Good starts don't guarantee good finishes (v. 5–12)

God equips us to overcome temptation (v. 13–22)

Freedom is balanced by responsibility (v. 23–33)

Privileges don't guarantee success (v. 1–4)

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, believers, that our fathers were all under the cloud [in which God's presence went before them] and they all passed [miraculously and safely] through the [Red] Sea; -AMP

Privileges don't guarantee success (v. 1–4)

1. Don't be Ignorant...

a. "History teaches that man learns nothing from history." - Hegel

b. **Typology** = indirectly and analogously relates the Old Testament event/person/thing to the New Testament event/person/thing.

Privileges don't guarantee success (v. 1–4)

1. "Our fathers" (Galatians 3:29) = unity
2. "ALL" 1 Cor 10:1-4 occurring 5 times
 - a. "ALL" was also used several times in 1 Cor 9.
 - b. **Equality** = Equal opportunity not always equal outcome... same equipping... I AM with you.

Baptism and communion as a typology in the OT

1. all our fathers were under the **cloud**" (v. 1)
2. "all were **baptized** unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (see v. 2)
3. "all did eat the same spiritual **meat**" (v. 3)
4. "all did drink the same spiritual **drink**" (v. 4).

THE HEBREWS'
DELIVERANCE
FROM SLAVERY

Cloud, = the presence of
the Holy Spirit among the
Israelites ([Ex 13:21](#)).

THE CORINTHIANS'
DELIVERANCE
FROM SIN

The presence of the Holy
Spirit indwelling the
church as the temple of
God ([1 Cor. 3:16](#)).

THE HEBREWS'
DELIVERANCE
FROM SLAVERY

Passed through the
waters of the Red Sea by
a miraculous deliverance
from slavery
(Ex 14:21-22).

THE CORINTHIANS'
DELIVERANCE
FROM SIN

Passed through the
waters of baptism,
marking their deliverance
from a life of sin
(1 Cor. 1:13).

THE HEBREWS' DELIVERANCE FROM SLAVERY

Ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink (Ex 16:15, 17:6).

THE CORINTHIANS' DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

Ate of the Lord's Supper as a sign of intimate spiritual fellowship and nourishment (1 Cor. 10:16-17).

Privileges don't guarantee success (v. 1–4)

under the cloud (v. 1)

1. The cloud went before them.
2. The cloud served as a guide for the people
3. The cloud was adapted for their necessity
4. The cloud was a shelter for the people
5. The cloud was a defense for the people
6. The cloud remained until the journey's end

Forward! be our watchword,
Steps and voices joined;
Seek the things before us?
Not a look behind;
Burns the fiery pillar
At our army's head;
Who shall dream of shrinking,
By our Captain led.

Privileges don't guarantee success (v. 1–4)

same spiritual food and drink (v. 3-4)

1. It was daily (Matt 6:11)

2. It was a gift of God for all. (John 3:16, 4:14)

3. It was personal (John 6:47)

47 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48 "I am the bread of life. 49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." ... 58 "This is the bread which came down from heaven--not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever." - **John 6:47-51, 58 NKJV**

Privileges don't guarantee success (v. 1–4)

that spiritual Rock (v. 4)

1. That Rock was in a needed place (John 7:37).
2. Hidden until God reveals (Matt. 11:27)
3. Smitten to give life (Ex 17:6, 1Cor 10:4, John 4:13)
4. Was with them (Matt. 28:20)

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)