

# Examining the Examples

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

### I. Intro

#### ● Anecdote

#### • Examples

- The Old Testament - it's not only filled with hundreds of Messianic prophecies that point to the Earthly ministry of our Messiah...
- ...but - the Old Testament also contains many typological examples that illustrate the person - and the work of our Savior - Jesus.
- For example - the Passover Lamb - which was first offered up in the land of Egypt - was an example of the Lord Jesus - Who is the Lamb of God.
- And the Bronze Serpent that Moses lifted up in the wilderness - was also an example of the healing that comes from Christ's crucifixion.
- Noah's Ark was an example of the way that the Holy Spirit seals the believer into the salvation of our Savior...
- ...and Jacob's ladder was an example of the Lord Jesus - because - He is the only way for sinners to ascend into heaven.
- And listen - this is just a scratch on the surface - of all the Old Testament examples - that point to our Savior - Jesus.

### II. Outline

#### ● Points

#### • Examine

- Here in our text today - - we find Paul - presenting us with a few more Old Testament examples of Christ Jesus.

- And as we make our way through the text before us today - we're going to spend our time...
  1. ...Examining the Example of Christ's Confirmation
  2. ...Examining the Example of Christ's Communion
  3. ...Examining the Example of Christ's Condemnation
- With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 10...
  - ...where we find Paul - examining these Old Testament examples - of New Testament truths.

### III. Confirmation

- Set up

- Context

- As we make our way to the tenth chapter of 1st Corinthians - I wanna take some time to put our text - back into it's context.
- I'll begin by reminding you that - Paul was addressing the questions that the Christians in Corinth previously presented.
- This not only included questions about marriage - singleness and sexual immorality...
- ...but - this also included questions concerning eating meats offered to idols - and financial support for full time ministers.
- After addressing those questions - Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth to keep on course with Christ.
- And now - here in our text today - we find him - reminding them about the Old Testament examples - that point to Jesus.

- With this as our focus - let's turn our attention to 1st Corinthians 10 look with me beginning there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...

### ● Text

1Co 10:1     Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,  
 1Co 10:2     all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,  
 1Co 10:3     all ate the same spiritual food,  
 1Co 10:4     and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.  
 1Co 10:5     But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.  
 1Co 10:6     Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.  
 1Co 10:7     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."  
 1Co 10:8     Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;  
 1Co 10:9     nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;  
 1Co 10:10    nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.  
 1Co 10:11    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.  
 1Co 10:12    Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

### • Examples

- Here in our text today - we find Paul - reminding his readers about the Old Testament EXAMPLES - which were recorded for our benefit.
- For the sake of clarity - it'll help you to know that the word - examples - found there in verses 6 - and 11...
- ...was translated from the Greek word - typos - - and as you might imagine - typos is actually the basis for our English word - type.

- The original Greek word was used of a print - or a pattern that is created by pressure.
  - And in the context of this passage - this Greek word - which was rendered - example...
    - ...was being used in a doctrinal sense - in reference to a type of something - or someone...
      - ...which prophetically prefigures a future event - or person.
- Fathers
  - With this in mind - let's examine the examples that Paul presented - here in our text today - beginning with the Example of Baptism.
    - Look with me again - beginning there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...
 

1Co 10:1     Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,  
1Co 10:2     all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea
    - Here in these verses - we find Paul - referring to the Fathers - who were baptized into Moses.
      - Just to be clear - Paul was referring to the Hebrew fathers who followed Moses - from Egypt - into the wilderness of Zin.
        - This included Aaron and Joshua - as well as Caleb and Eleazar.
          - And as we consider how Paul referred to these men as OUR Fathers in this letter which was written to the church in Corinth...
            - ...we must not fail to realize that there's a clear connection between the faith of the Hebrew Fathers - and the Christian church.
  - Israelites
    - I like the way that Paul explained it - in Romans chapter 9 - where he declared...

Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,  
Rom 9:4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;  
Rom 9:5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

- According to Paul - the Lord revealed His plan of salvation - through the Israelites.
  - This included His Shekinah glory - His covenant with Abraham - the Mosaic law through Moses - and the system of service at the temple.
  - Not only that - but - the Lord also revealed His prophetic promises to the Fathers of Israel.
    - And listen - those prophetic promises were fulfilled back in the first century - when Christ Jesus clothed Himself with humanity.
    - And one way that the Lord presented these prophetic promises - was through the baptism of Moses.
- Baptized
  - With this as our focus - let's take another look there at 1st Corinthians chapter 10 - look with me again - there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...

1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,  
1Co 10:2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
  - Now - in order to understand what Paul meant - when he referred to the Fathers who were baptized into Moses...
    - ...I should take a moment to remind you that the word - baptized - was translated from the Greek word - baptizo...

- ...which simply means - to immerse - or to fully submerge.
- And while we typically use this word - in reference to water baptism...
  - ...we must not fail to realize that those who were baptized into Moses - remained dry.

- Cloud

- Notice with me again - there in verse 2 - where Paul declared...

1Co 10:2a ...all were baptized into Moses in the cloud...

- Just to be clear - Paul was referring to the cloud that covered the children of Israel - as they wandered through the wilderness.
- It's in Exodus chapter 13 - where Moses described the way in which the LORD led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea.
- And it's in the final verses of Exodus 13 - where we learn that the Lord led them with a pillar of fire by night...
  - ...and not only that - but - He also led them with a pillar of cloud by day.
  - And it's here in our text today - where we find Moses - describing that cloud - as the baptism of Moses.

- Sea

- Not only that - but - it's there in verse 2 - where Paul also referred to those who were baptized into Moses - in the sea.
- Just to be clear - let's consider Moses account - found in Exodus chapter 14 it's beginning at verse 19 - where we learn that...

Exo 14:19 ...the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.

Exo 14:20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

Exo 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exo 14:22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

- Here in Moses' account of this incredible miracle - we learn about the day when the Lord parted the Red Sea...
  - ...so that the children of Israel could escape the armies of Egypt.
  - And while it's true that the Lord enabled the children of Israel to cross the Red Sea on dry ground...
  - ...it's also true that the Lord drowned the Egyptian army - with the same water.
  - And in this way - the Lord used this baptism in the sea - to confirm the leadership of Moses.
- Miracle
  - As a matter of fact - it's in the 31st verse of the same chapter - where we learn that...

Exo 14:30 ...the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Exo 14:31 Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

- The fathers who followed the cloud - and then crossed the Red Sea on dry land - not only became those who believed in the Lord...

- ...but - they also realized that Moses was the man - that the Lord raised up to lead them.
- What this mean is that - the Lord used the miracle of that baptism...
  - ...to identify Moses as the man who would lead them to the land of promise.
  - Not only that - but the baptism of Moses was also an Old Testament example of the baptism the identified Jesus as the Messiah.
- Baptism?
  - In order to make my case - let's consider the day - when John the Baptist baptized the Lord Jesus.
  - Hold your place here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to John chapter 1 - and as we make our way to the first chapter of John...
  - ...I wanna take a moment to address a common question that is often asked about the day when Jesus was baptized.
  - This question is typically presented by those who ask: WHY did Jesus need to be baptized?
    - One reason why was because - this Baptism was required by law for Christ Jesus to serve as our High Priest.
    - And at the same time - this was God's way of identifying Jesus as our Messiah.
- Revealed
  - Let's consider how John the Baptist explained it here in John 1 - look with me - beginning there at verse 29 - where the apostle John writes...

Jhn 1:29      The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Jhn 1:30 “This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’

Jhn 1:31 “I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.”

Jhn 1:32 And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

Jhn 1:33 “I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

Jhn 1:34 “And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord - using John the Baptist - to identify Jesus as the promised Messiah.
  - And as John the Baptist baptized the Lord Jesus there in the Jordan river...
  - ...he also assured the children of Israel - that the Lord Jesus is the promised Messiah.
  - And as we consider the way that John the Baptist identified Jesus as the promised Messiah...
    - ...we should consider the way that Moses encouraged the people to follow a man named Joshua - into the land of promise.
- Disqualified
  - With this as our focus - let's consider Moses account of the day when he inaugurated Joshua - to lead the people into the promised Land.
  - Continue holding your place - there in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to the Book of Numbers.
  - Let's turn to Numbers chapter 27 - and as we make our way to the 27th chapter of Numbers...
    - ...I wanna take a moment to remind you that - Moses wasn't able to lead the people into the land of promise...

- ...and one reason why was due to the fact that - Moses represents the Law - - and - the law can't lead anyone into the promised land.
- With that being the case - the Lord directed Moses - to identify - and confirm the leadership of a man named Joshua...
- ...who was chosen - and called to lead the people across the Jordan river - and into the land of their inheritance.

## ● Application

- Joshua
- Let's consider how Moses explained it - here in Numbers chapter 27 - look with me beginning there at verse 18 - where we learn that...

Num 27:18 ...the LORD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;

Num 27:19 "set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight.

Num 27:20 "And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

Num 27:21 "He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the LORD for him by the judgment of the Urim. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him—all the congregation."

Num 27:22 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.

Num 27:23 And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord - instructing Moses to inaugurate Joshua - to lead the congregation of Israel.
- And as we consider the way Moses identified - and confirmed Joshua - as the leader who would led them into the land of promise...

- ...we can also see how this was an Old Testament example - of the way that John the Baptist would identify and confirm Christ Jesus...
- ...as the promised Messiah - Who was sent to lead believers into the New Jerusalem.
- And in this way - the baptism of Moses - which led to the confirmation of Joshua...
  - ...was an Old Testament example of the baptism that confirmed the leadership of Christ Jesus.
- Jesus
  - Now - you might be interested to know that - the name - Jesus - is actually an English translation...
  - ...of a Latin transliteration of the Greek translation of the Hebrew name Yah-ho-shua - or Yashua.
  - And the more direct translation of the Hebrew name of Yashua - - is Joshua.
  - What this means is that - Jesus - and Joshua - share the same Hebrew name - which literally means - God is Salvation.
  - That being the case - when the Lord confirmed the inauguration of Joshua - before those who were baptized into Moses...
  - ...this was actually an Old Testament example of the day when John the Baptist confirmed the calling of Christ Jesus.
  - And it's for this reason that we will all do well to examine the Old Testament examples.

## ● Transition

- Points

- Now - this brings us to our second point - because listen...
  1. ...Paul not only encouraged the Christian's in Corinth to Examine the Example of Christ's Confirmation...
  2. ...but - he also encouraged them to Examine the Example of Christ's Communion.
    - With this as our focus - let's make our way back to 1st Corinthians chapter 10...
      - ...where we find Paul - pointing back to the Rock - that was Christ.
      - Let's pick up our study - beginning there at verse 3 - where Paul declared...

#### IV. Communion

- Text

1Co 10:3     all ate the same spiritual food,  
 1Co 10:4     and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

- Food

- Here in these verses - - we find Paul - reminding the Christians in Corinth...
  - ...about the spiritual food - and the spiritual drink - that the children of Israel consumed in the wilderness.
  - And just to be clear - I should take a moment to remind you about the way that the Lord provided the people with spiritual food.
  - It's in Exodus chapter 16 - where we learn about the days - when the Lord sent them quails in the evening.
  - And in the morning - the Lord provided the people with Manna - which was like coriander seed.

- After gathering up the manna in the morning - the children of Israel would make cakes - and cook it in pans.
- And according to Moses - its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil - so - like donuts.

- Drink

- Not only that - but - the Lord also provided them with spiritual drink - by bringing water from a rock.
- It's in Exodus chapter 17 - where we learn about the day - when the LORD directed Moses by declaring...

Exo 17:5 "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.

Exo 17:6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

- Without debate - this was an incredible miracle - that further confirmed the calling of Moses.
- And while we might imagine that Moses just so happened to strike a rock that was sitting atop a natural spring...
- ...Paul assured us that the Rock of Horeb was actually a preincarnate manifestation of our Messiah - otherwise known as a Christophany.
- What this means is that - when Moses struck the Rock - this was a prophetic picture...
- ...pointing to the day - when Christ Jesus would provide us with the living water - through His death - burial - and resurrection.

- Samaritan

- I like the way that the Lord Jesus put it - in John chapter 7 - it's beginning at verse 37 - where we learnt that is was...

Jhn 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

Jhn 7:38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

- Much like the Rock of Horeb - which quenched the physical thirst of those who followed Moses...
  - ...the Lord Jesus is able to quench the spiritual thirst of those who will simply trust in Him.
    - And just to be clear - - John expounded upon the words of Christ - by informing his audience that...
      - ...the living water that flows from the Lord Jesus Christ is actually the Holy Spirit of God...
        - ...whom those who believe in Jesus receive - at the moment when we are born-again.
- Communion
  - What this means is that - the water that flowed from the Rock of Horeb was actually an Old Testament example of our Spiritual connection with Christ.
  - And not only that - but - the spiritual food - and the spiritual drink - were also Old Testament examples of our communion with Christ.
  - In order to prove my point - let's consider how the Lord Jesus explained it - in the gospel of John.
    - Hold your place here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles - to John chapter 6...
      - ...and as we make our way to the sixth chapter of John's gospel account - I should take a moment to point out that...

- ...the word - communion - was translated from the Greek word - koinōnia...
- ...and koinōnia - actually refers to the fellowship - and intimacy that occurs within a community,
- Offense
- With this as our focus - let's consider the spiritual food - and the spiritual drink that has come to be called - communion.
- Look with me there at John chapter 6 - beginning at verse 47 - where the Lord Jesus declared...

Jhn 6:47 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

Jhn 6:48 “I am the bread of life.

Jhn 6:49 “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Jhn 6:50 “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

Jhn 6:51 “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.”

Jhn 6:52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?”

Jhn 6:53 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

Jhn 6:54 “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Jhn 6:55 “For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.

Jhn 6:56 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

Jhn 6:57 “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

Jhn 6:58 “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.”

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord Jesus - helping his audience to understand that...
- ...the manna that the Lord provided for the children of Israel - was an Old Testament example of the body of Christ.
- And while it's true that the manna would spoil within a day - - it's also true that the body of Christ is the bread of life that never spoils.
- It's for this reason that the Lord Jesus encouraged them to consume the spiritual bread of His body...
  - ...and not only that - but He also commanded them to ingest the spiritual drink of His blood.

## ● Application

### • Last Supper

- Just to be clear - Jesus wasn't speaking literally - no - instead - He was referring to the sacrament of the last supper.
- Proof of my point can be found in Luke chapter 22 -it's beginning at verse 19 where we learn that...

Luk 22:19 (Jesus) took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Luk 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

- Jesus was physically there at the last supper - - which is the basis for the sacrament - better known as communion.
- And rather than offering up a piece of His flesh - the Lord Jesus broke bread and said "This is My body which is given for you."
- Rather than opening a vein - and bleeding into a cup - He took a cluster of grapes and squeezed them into a cup...

- ...and then He declared: “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.”
- Clearly - the bread was symbolic of His body - and the grape juice was symbolic for His blood.

- True Communion

- I like the way that Paul put it - in 1st Corinthians chapter 10 - it's verse 16 where he declared....

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, 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?

- Christian - listen - the communion cup doesn't literally turn into the blood of Jesus Christ.
- And the unleavened bread we break doesn't literally become the body of Christ.
- No - instead - these are sacramental symbols - designed to remind us of the sacrifice of our Savior.
- And as we engage in this sacrament together as a church family - we not only enter into communion with Christ Jesus - but...
  - ...we also celebrate the spiritual bread - and the spiritual drink - which was revealed in the wilderness.

- Transition

- Points

- Now - this us to our third and final point - because listen...

1. ...Paul not only encouraged the Christian's in Corinth to Examine the Example of Christ's Confirmation...

2. ...and he not only encouraged them to Examine the Example of Christ's Communion...
3. ...but - he also encouraged them to Examine the Example of Christ's Condemnation
  - With this as our focus - let's make our way back to 1st Corinthians chapter 10...
  - ...where we find Paul - pointing back to the Rock - that was Christ.
  - Let's pick up our study - beginning there at verse 5 - where Paul declared...

## V. Condemnation

### ● Text

1Co 10:5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

1Co 10:7 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."

1Co 10:8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;

1Co 10:9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

1Co 10:10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 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.

1Co 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

### • Not Pleased

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping the Christians in Corinth to understand that - they are not all Israel - who are of Israel.

- Case in point - a person could've been a descendant of Israel - and they could've followed Moses across the Red Sea...
- ...while simultaneously rejecting the birthright that belonged to Jacob - by rejecting the faith of Abraham.
- It's for this reason that God was not well pleased with those who longed for the carnal pleasures of Egypt.
  - And as a result - many were condemned to die in the wilderness - before arriving in the land of promise.
- Bodies
  - Notice with me again - there in verse 5 - where Paul declared...
 

1Co 10:5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.
  - Here in this verse - we find Paul reminding his readers about the way in which...
    - ...the Lord condemned the Israelites to wander in the wilderness for 40 years - until the bodies of the unbelievers were left for dead.
    - The reason why was because of the unbelief that led them to reject the land - that the Lord had promised to their forefathers.
    - You can read more about this in Numbers chapters 13 and 14 - where we learn about the days...
      - ...when the Lord condemned the Israelites - who refused to take possession of the promised land.
- Lust
  - We should also consider the way that the Lord condemned those who were living for the lust of the flesh - and the lust of the eyes.
  - Look with me again - there at verse 6 - where Paul declared...

1Co 10:6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

- Here in this verses - we find Paul - referring to the Israelites - who were lusting after evil things.
- The chances are - Paul was referring to those who complained against Moses...
- ...and the reason why was because - they longed for the food they enjoyed - when they were slaves in Egypt.
- It's in Numbers 11 - where we find the people - lusting after the fish - the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.
- And from this - we can see that those people preferred the pleasures of slavery - over the liberty of the Lord.
- Idolatry
- Let's consider how Paul explained it - here in our text today - look with me again - there at verse 7 - where he declared...

1Co 10:7 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."

- Here in this verse - we find Paul - recounting the day when the Children of Israel - worshipped the golden calf - at the base of Mount Sinai.
- Remember - the people had grown weary of waiting for Moses to return from his meeting with God.
- And with one voice - they asked Aaron to make them gods that can go before them.
- Then - after receiving the gold from their hand - Aaron fashioned for them a golden calf - - which he claimed to be the god of Israel.

- And after worshipping the golden calf - the people proceeded to engage in an orgy.

- Sexual immorality

- Let's consider how Paul put it here in our text today - look with me again - there at verse 8 - where he declared...

1Co 10:8     Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell...

- Here in this verses - we find Paul - describing the way that the Lord condemned the Israelites - who engaged in sexual immorality.
  - This not only included the three thousand who were condemned to death at the base of Mt. Sinai...
    - ...but - this also included the twenty-four thousand who were condemned to death...
      - ...after engaging in sexual immorality - with the women of Moab.
        - And according to Paul - twenty-three thousand of them died in a single day.

- Tempt

- Paul also reminded the Christians in Corinth - about the day when the Lord sent serpents into the camp - to punish the people.
  - Look with me again - beginning there at verse 9 - where he declared...

1Co 10:9     nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

1Co 10:10    nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

- Here in this verse - we find Paul - reminding his readers - about the day when the children of Israel invoked the wrath of God...

- ...as they complained about the manna - which - remember - was an Old Testament example of Christ's body.
- It's for this reason that the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people - many of whom died from the venomous bites.
- And while it's true the Lord provided healing for those who looked upon the brazen serpent that Moses lifted up...
  - ...it's also true that this was an Old Testament example of the way that those who reject Christ Jesus will be condemned.
- Condemned
  - Let's consider how the Lord Jesus explained it - in John chapter 3 - it's beginning at verse 14 - where He declared...

Jhn 3:14 “...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

Jhn 3:15 “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jhn 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jhn 3:17 “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jhn 3:18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Jhn 3:19 “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

- Here in these verses - we find Christ Jesus - describing the condemnation which will come upon those who reject our Redeemer.
- And much like those - who rejected the brazen serpent - that Moses lifted up in the presence of the people...

- ...those who reject the One Who was lifted up on the cross - so that sinners can be saved...
- ...will suffer eternal condemnation in the lake of fire - where the fire will never be quenched - and the worm will never die.
- And it's for this reason that we should warn those who are rejecting the sacrifice of our Savior Jesus.

- Admonition

- With all of this in mind - let's consider how Paul summed it up - here in our text today.
- Look with me again - beginning there at verse 11 - where Paul declared...

1Co 10:11 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.

1Co 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - presenting a point of application...
- ...and he did this - by encouraging the Christians in Corinth to consider the Old Testament examples of condemnation...
- ...so that they might realize that - there have been many people in the past - who were certain of their salvation...
- ...that is - until the day when they suffered the condemnation that they deserved.
- And in light of those examples - Paul encouraged his audience to take heed - lest they fall.

- Application

- Examine

- I like the way that Paul put it in 2nd Corinthians 13 - it's verses 5 and 6 where he declared...

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you are disqualified.

2Co 13:6 But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

- As we examine the Old Testament example of those who suffered Christ's Condemnation...
  - ...we will also do well to examine ourselves - in order to make sure that we've truly received the grace of God - by faith in Jesus Christ.
  - Remember - there is no condemnation - for those who are in Christ Jesus...
    - ...who do not walk according to the flesh - but according to the Spirit.
    - And it's for this reason that we should test ourselves - to make sure that we're truly trusting in Jesus Christ.

## VI. Conclusion

### ● Wrap up

#### • Points

- As we begin to wrap up this study - I wanna take a moment to point out that - the Old Testament examples - were written for our benefit.
- And this is especially true of the Old Testament examples - that reveal the person - and the work of our Messiah.
- That being the case - we will do well to

1. ...Examine the Old Testament Example of Christ's Confirmation...

- ...so that we can rest in the assurance that God has clearly confirmed the calling of Christ Jesus.
2. We should also Examine the Old Testament Example of Christ's Communion...
- ...so that we can experience true communion with Christ - in the context of our Christian community.
3. ...And we should Examine the Old Testament Example of Christ's Condemnation...
- ...so that we can become those believers - who are making our calling and our election more sure.
  - And as we continue to examine the Old Testament Examples of Christ Jesus...
  - ...let's Continue to examine our own walk of faith - so that we can maintain a close connection with our Messiah.