

1 Corinthians chapter 10

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

Paul tells us to study this Book.

That is how we know about "the fathers in the wilderness"

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

All were baptized. (Jews)

Cloud and in the sea

Baptism. There are 7 baptisms in our Bible. (See notes).

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

Manna

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Jesus Christ

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Many: But not all

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

These things. Paul is writing about wandering in the wilderness.

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

As it is written.

Ex. 32: And they rose up early on the morrow and offered burnt-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. (Follie).

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

We are back in Exodus in the wilderness.

Fornication has been covered in the first half of this book. Then Pauls adds something, "as some". Some of them did something so bad that God killed 23,000 of them.

There is a so-called discrepancy in these numbers. 1 Cor 10:8 23,000 in written.

Numbers 25:9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. (24,000)

This is an easy fix. 1 Cor. 10:8 it is written "in one day, 24 hours". In numbers, it is the total number of people who died in the plague, and the plague lasted more than one day.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

Paul is back preaching to his flock at Corinth, Paul gives his converts a Warning. Paul has been seeing and hearing things that the children of Israel had been doing in the wilderness.

Serpents:

Numbers 21:6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many people of Israel died.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Murmur, and Murmured. Numbers 21:1-6

Numbers 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

Destroyed by the destroyer.

One who destroys, or lays wast: one who kills a man or an animal, or who ruins a country, cities....

Revelation 9:11 11

And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.

(Apollyon in Greek means "Destroyer")

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Pauls is now back to the things that happened to the children in the wilderness. "All these things" happened as an example for us in this modern world. So if the Apostle Paul brings these historical events up to the church at Corinth as an example, Paul believes that God could bring this same judgment upon modern day man at any time.

The Christain's response to temptation

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.
Ant Christian can fall, but not from "Grace"

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Idolatry is a horrible thing.

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

God rebukes all literal sacrifices

14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

Nothing good will come out of idol worship.

Paul's warning, to the church at Corinth, can and should be a warning to all men, everywhere.

15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

Paul's words are wisdom. Any man who is willing to read and repent will be the wise man that Paul is talking to.

Fellowship at the Lord's table demands separation

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?

17 For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

We being many

One bread

One body

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?

Two questions are asked

That the idol is any thing ?

Offered sacrifices to idols anything?

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.

Devils (Lev. 17:7; Deut. 32:17; 2 Chron. 11:15)

"Israel" This is the sin that so easily besets her.

But her Paul is addressing the gentiles as the sacrifice to devils. The gentiles had the same problem. Paul is addressing another problem in the church at Corinth.

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.

No man can serve two masters.

The cup of the Lord and the Lord's table, is what we would call the Lord's supper.

The great counterfeit will have their sacrifice, where they have a cup of devils and a table of devils. Is a sacrifice to devils.

When the Christian partakes in the Lord's supper, it is never called a sacrifice.

22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

Two more questions are asked.

Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Yes we do.

Are we stronger than him? No.

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

Paul is telling us that all things are lawful.

But, all things are not expedient:

All things are lawful for me, this is the second time that Paul tells us this same thing.

All things edify not: Many things that are lawful, will not glorify god.

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:

"Shambles" archaic English for an open market.

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.

Paul tells us that we have liberty to eat anything. If you attend a banquet with non-believers, and you are served strange foods, ask no questions, and enjoy your meal. With a clear conscience.

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:

Vers 26 is repeated in the later part of this verse.

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience?

Conscience: Do not judge 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 thanks?

Give thanks unto the Lord, and eat with a clear Conscience.

Do not worry what others think of you in this matter.

You have given this food up to the Lord, and asked him to bless it.

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

This is the proof text for the previous verse.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

Neither Jews, nor Gentiles, not the church of God:

There are three different participants.

This means that in the Bible, all humanity is divided into three groups.

1. Unsaved Jews

2. Unsaved Gentiles

3. Saved Christians Interesting that the Christians are in a separate group, because, spiritually there is no Jew or Gentile in Christ. (Gal. 3:28)

33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

Pauls is always trying to get people saved.