

A Life That Pleases God

1 Corinthians 10:1-22

What Kind Of Life Pleases God?

Today we study 1 Corinthians 10. This passage will help us answer these and other important questions about our walk with God!

And are there consequences to pleasing or displeasing God?

Is it enough to be among His people?

Is it enough to experience His blessings?

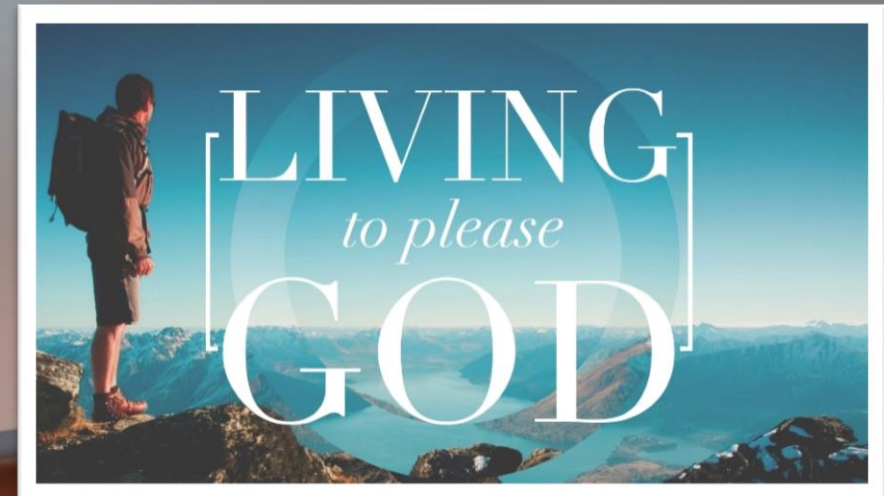
What kind of life pleases God?

And are there consequences to pleasing or displeasing God?

Is it enough to be chosen by Him?

Does God expect anything in return?

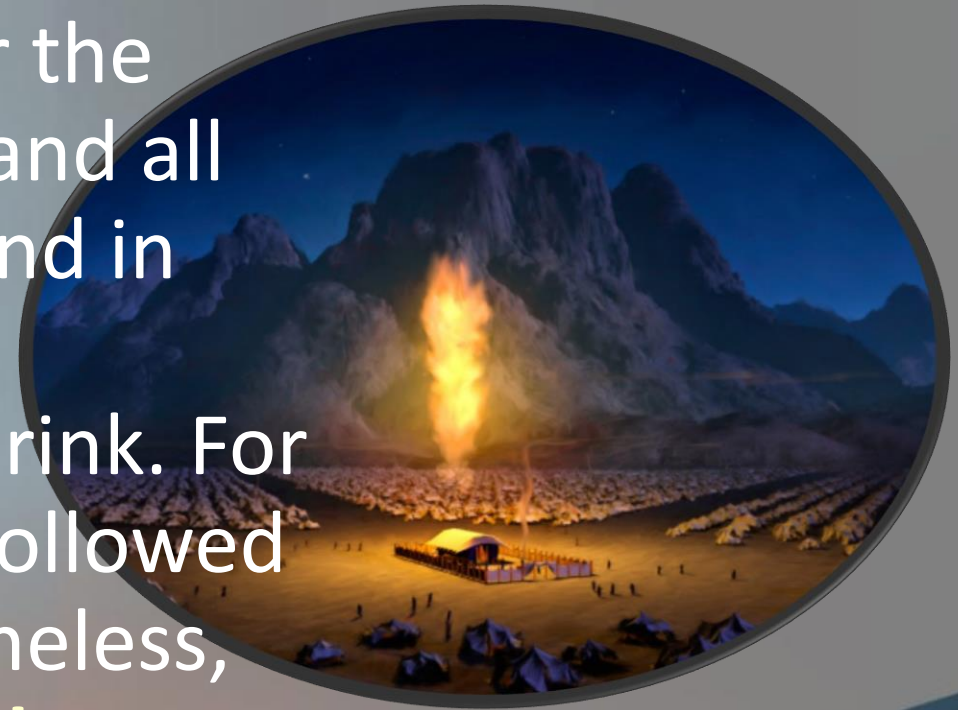
Is there a way of life that pleases or displeases God?



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1 Corinthians 10:1-5

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, **with most of them God was not pleased,** for they were overthrown in the wilderness.



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According to this passage, all of God's chosen people enjoyed several privileges:

1. Protection ("under the cloud")
2. Deliverance ("passed through the sea")
3. Joined to the community ("baptized into Moses")
4. Sustained ("ate the same spiritual food")
5. Refreshed ("drank the same spiritual drink")
6. Experienced a foretaste of N.T. grace ("that Rock was Christ")

"⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased!"

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1 Corinthians 10:6, 11

⁶ Now these things took place **as examples for us**, that we might not desire evil as they did... ¹¹ Now these things happened to them **as an example**, but **they were written down for our instruction**, on whom the end of the ages has come.

God left us a record of their failings not to embarrass them but to warn us and to point us in the right direction!

No, it is NOT enough to be blessed, baptized, and a church member! God expects more!

Four Things That Displease God

1 Corinthians 10:7-10

⁷ **Do not be idolaters** as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ **We must not indulge in sexual immorality** as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ **We must not put Christ to the test**, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ **nor grumble**, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.



Four Things That Displease God

These are four things the people of God did that displeased God and resulted in their death in the wilderness:

1. **Idolatry** (Ex.32:4): attributing to others the credit and honor for the work of God
2. **Sexual Immorality** (Nm.25:1): intimacy outside of marriage
3. **Put Christ To The Test** (Ex.17:2, 7): doubting and questioning God
4. **Grumbling** (Nm.14:2): “to grumble, complain, mutter to speak privately and in a low voice, mutter

Watch Out For These Sins!

The WARNING!

1 Corinthians 10:12

¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands **take heed** lest he fall.

THE PROMISE!

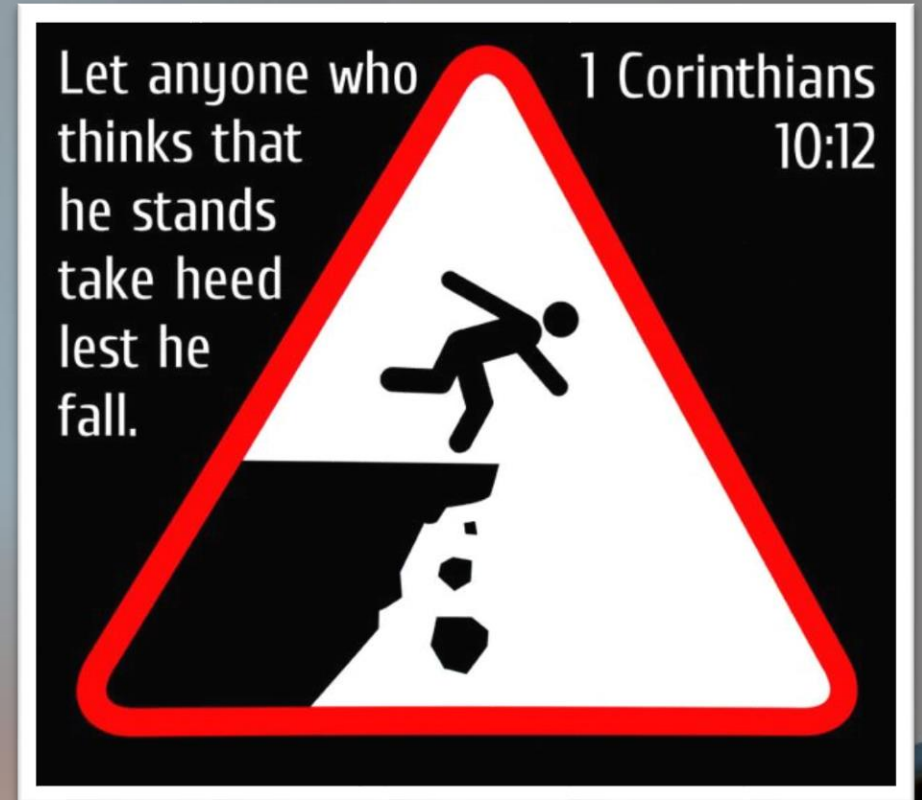
1 Corinthians 10:12

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful**, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Watch Out For These Sins!

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (CEV)

¹² Even if you think you can stand up to temptation, be careful not to fall. ¹³ You are tempted in the same way that everyone else is tempted. But God can be trusted not to let you be tempted too much, and he will show you how to escape from your temptations.



Remember Whose You Are!

1 Corinthians 10:14-17 (CEV)

¹⁴ My friends, you must keep away from idols. ¹⁵ I am speaking to you as people who have enough sense to know what I am talking about. ¹⁶ When we drink from the cup that we ask God to bless, isn't that sharing in the blood of Christ? When we eat the bread that we break, isn't that sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ By sharing in the same loaf of bread, we become one body, even though there are many of us.



By taking Holy Communion we become one with Christ and His people.

Remember Whose You Are!

1 Corinthians 10:18-22 (CEV)

¹⁸ Aren't the people of Israel sharing in the worship when they gather around the altar and eat the sacrifices offered there?

¹⁹ Am I saying that either the idols or the food sacrificed to them is anything at all? ²⁰ No, I am not! **That food is really sacrificed to demons and not to God. I don't want you to have anything to do with demons.** ²¹ You cannot drink from the cup of demons and still drink from the Lord's cup. You cannot eat at the table of demons and still eat at the Lord's table. ²² We would make the Lord jealous if we did that. And we are not stronger than the Lord.

Guiding Principle

1 Corinthians 10:23-24

²³ “All things are lawful,”
but not all things are helpful.
“All things are lawful,”
but not all things build up.
²⁴ Let no one seek his own good,
but the good of his neighbor.

Guiding Principle

It is not enough that something is not a sin. That is only the first test. The next test, the next important question is:

“Does this please God?”

“Is this helpful?”

“Does this build anything up?”



Practical Application

1 Corinthians 10:25-30 (CEV)

²⁵ However, when you buy meat in the market, go ahead and eat it. Keep your conscience clear by not asking where the meat came from. ²⁶ The Scriptures say, "The earth and everything in it belong to the Lord." ²⁷ If an unbeliever invites you to dinner, and you want to go, then go. Eat whatever you are served. Don't cause a problem for someone's conscience by asking where the food came from. ²⁸⁻²⁹ But if you are told that it has been sacrificed to idols, don't cause a problem by eating it. I don't mean a problem for yourself, but for the one who told you. Why should my freedom be limited by someone else's conscience? ³⁰ If I give thanks for what I eat, why should anyone accuse me of doing wrong?

Practical Application

Live in freedom but avoid sin!

By asking the right questions and keeping the right priorities, with the help of the Holy Spirit we can do the right thing.

Words To Live By

I Corinthians 10:31-33

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

