

1st Corinthians Chapter 10

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Chapter 10. This chapter (probably more so than any other of Paul's writings) depicts the words of Peter in (2 Pet 3: 16) second letter where he states that the unlearned wrestle with Paul's teachings. The objective is to capture the overall principal theme that guides the discussion. It is about guarding your heart. To believe one thing and do another is not only hypocritical, but destructive. And in this chapter Paul states God's displeasure with those that should know better but ignores God's commands.

Verses 1-10: Paul's examples can be found in Exodus chapters 13 thru 17 and Numbers chapters 14 thru 21. The people of God not only were told but lived through super-natural experiences. So they were without excuse when they turned to idols and of sin in the face of what God had done in their midst.

Verses 11-13: So, we are free to eat and drink as we please, but we should never eat or drink (or any other act or matter) outside of our faith which guides our conscious. Would you eat a sandwich you believed had poison on it? I think not. No more than we would eat a sandwich that smelled foul, spoiled or sour. Remember the serpent that bit Paul and people were amazed when he did not die? The Lord said a sign that would follow those that believe is that if they would eat any poison thing, it would not harm them.

Verses 14-22: So knowing these things, our task is to steer clear of all issues that seek to entrap us or cause us to stumble. Yet we can walk boldly knowing that God orders our steps in a way as to edify us and Glorify Himself. So, we may eat or encounter harm God will deliver and secure us. But not if we enter it with some knowledge to tempt God. (remember Satan's temptation to Christ that dared him to use Holy power as a show of strength?)

Verse 23-30: If I buy food at the market, it may have been offered to idols. I don't know and I don't ask because an idol is nothing to me. But, if a person believes that the food is a previous offering and sees me eat it, it will affect them. Same as if my Pastor has a girlfriend on the side, it must be okay for me. Not knowing that the lady is a pastor's aide. But under the same token is how some homosexual Pastors hide their relationships with other males under the disguise of "Armor barrier" or "special aide." But God knows all and He sees all.

Verses 31-33: Do all things as unto Christ Jesus. Do all things in Faith. For without Faith, it is impossible to please God. And though I have the right and permission to walk in the freedom of my faith, Love guides and restricts me beyond my personal satisfaction, to a desire to see others blessed, even at the expense of my loss.