

1 Corinthians – “Unity in Christ”

Lesson #11



I. Spiritual food and drink

a. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

b. What cloud and sea are referred to in verse 1?

i. See Exodus 13:21, 14:22

c. How could they be “baptized into Moses”? (vs 2)

d. What is meant by, “that rock was Christ”? (vs 4)

i. See Exodus 17:6, Numbers 20:11 (also Psalm 78:13ff)

e. These verses remind us of important spiritual matters in the Church today, what are they?

f. What dire warning does Paul give in verse 5 (also see 9:27)

II. Idolatry leads to destruction

a. Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

b. Paul uses 5 different illustrations from the Old Testament:

i. Numbers 11:4-5; 31-34 (Complaining about food)

ii. Exodus 32 (Golden Calf, Exodus 32:6 especially)

iii. Numbers 25:1-18 (Baal worship at Peor)

iv. Numbers 21:4-6 (Fiery serpents)

v. Numbers 14? (People rebel) 16? (Uprising of Korah)

c. How does Christ fit into these stories? (vs 9)

d. What peace does verse 13 give us as Christians?

III. Communion in the cup and the table

a. Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

b. To which of the Ten Commandments is Paul appealing in verse 14?

c. What implications do verses 16-17 have in today’s celebration of the Lord’s Supper?

i. What does the Greek word, “koinonia” mean?

d. Although the idols and foods offered to them have no power, what is happening in the background? (vs 20)

e. Do we have a modern-day equivalent of idolatry that provokes God to jealousy?

IV. **Keep looking out for the other guy**

a. Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

b. The slogans in verse 23 are like the ones in which prior chapter?

c. How does verse 24 sum up chapters 8-10?

d. Is it okay to eat foods offered to idols? (vss 25-26)

e. If someone invites you for dinner, but then informs you that the food being served was used in an idol sacrifice, what should we do? (vss 28-29)

f. What purpose does it serve to “give no offense”? (vss 32-33)

V. **Next time...**

a. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1-34