

**Women's Bible Study – Autumn Ridge Church
1 Corinthians 10-11 – Unity in the Lord's Supper
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Chapter 10

Paul's instructions to the church for their private lives.

Paul is the master of the criticism sandwich!

The Israelites in the Old Testament were:

Verse 1

1. All under the cloud.....guidance and protection
2. All passed through the sea.....deliverance from death

Verse 2

3. All baptized into Moses....united with their spiritual head and under his leadership

Verse 3, 4

4. All ate the same spiritual food and drank same spiritual water....provision

BUT, God was not pleased with them.

Verse 5....**Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.**

Corinthians no different. They also were

1. Under the cloud. Luke 1:79 and 1 Peter 1:5.

“To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

“Who by God's power are being guarded through faith”

2. Passed through the sea. Hebrews 2:14-15, Galatians 1:4

“ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the

power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

“Who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,”

3. Baptized into the body of Christ with Christ as head. Ephesians 1:22, 1 Cor. 12:13

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves[a] or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

4. Eaten bread from heaven. John 6: 31-34 Drank from heaven. John 4: 10-14

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” 32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.[a] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

They have had the same privileges as the Israelites, yet their behavior is sinful. Paul tells them in verse 6 that,

These things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did

They were susceptible to sin and falling just like their forefathers.

Because of this, the Corinthians need to:

1. Flee idolatry.....reference to the golden calf in Exodus 32 (v. 7)
2. Flee immorality.....reference to the mass immorality with the daughters of the Moabites in Numbers 25 (v. 8)
3. Do not test the Lord..... Exodus 17 and the water from the rock(v.9)
4. Do not grumble....reference to Exodus 21 and the bronze serpent (v.10)

And they need to: Other.....

1. Be careful
2. Be aware of temptation

12 and 13.....Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 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.

I can stop here and take a short breather and think back to what Paul said. I can look back at his recommendations, and I can see that I am also prone to some of those same sins. I am prone to idolatry, to grumbling, and testing the Lord. So this is not for just the Corinthians. This is also for us.

I need to be keenly aware of temptation and flee.

3. Repeat of Flee idolatry in v. 14, especially as it relates to their freedom in Christ. They are not to worship God and demons. The central ceremony, or what we call communion, of our faith unites us as a body of believers and unites us with Christ. Same holds true for other religions. Therefore, have nothing to do with them.

4. Regard their freedom with seriousness.

“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.

Good advice for your kids and rules you have at your home!

Paul ends chapter 10 with some encouragement.

V. 31....So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Before we go on to the next chapter, let's remind ourselves that we need do nothing for salvation. It is free and paid completely by Jesus. All of these things that Paul is telling the believers was for their growth in Christ and for the worship in their church. God loves us!

Chapter 11

Instructions for their public worship

I think he has a Big Mac with bread in the middle!

I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you.

This statement comes right after a remarkable phrase: ***Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.***

Head coverings.

1. Covered the hair and was worn by all women except for highly paid mistresses, adulteresses, and potentially the sacred prostitutes for a god. Done in everyday life. In Jewish temple life men had their head covered and women were not seen. Paul changes things up! We are not to be a distraction to others in how we dress.

Relationships

1. Paul talks about the pattern for relationships in the Christian community.

The head (or source) of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

The order is God-Christ-Husband-Wife. Is God superior to Christ? Therefore Husband is not superior to wife.

Christ chose to submit to the Father, so wife should choose to submit herself to her husband.

Submission is not rolling over passively and doing nothing except what he says. It is not accepting his every word as truth. In Christ woman has received equality of status with man. It is treating him with deep respect and encouraging his role as leader.

Another view:

The word head means source.

The problem here was that women were distracting the men with their lack of veils. The good that we see here is that the role of men and women were different than the past. Men had uncovered heads and women were praying and prophesying with men. A real change. Worship was meant to be all about God and be orderly.

Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.

The Lord's Supper

Factions were occurring between the rich and not so rich. People were eating together in a potluck sort of event where the rich would provide more than the poor and everyone ate together. But the rich were eating by themselves and gorging out on their feasts. The poor were being ignored and the true purpose of communion was being ignored. And what is the true purpose.

On a table in my home church.....In Remembrance of Me. We remember:

1. What Jesus did for us on the cross.
2. Our broken sinful self and our complete need of him.

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes!

It is a holy time of bringing us personally and as a body of believers back to the main and central focus....Jesus. We should be treating it with profound respect, and awe. It should bring us to humility and deep thankfulness.

Remember this....they are still drinking milk and not ready for meat. Like training up a child. Seems to be a lot of no's and often we reaffirm our love, but there still is a lot of no's.

I was the youngest...my siblings. I learned what to do and what not to do. But it did not always help. Because words of affection were not often used I equated actions with love. I felt like I needed to be everything to everybody. God is different.

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