

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"Fellowship With Demons"
1 Corinthians 10:16-11:1
Part-17

We Finish Our Section - 1 Corinthians 8-11:1 Christian Liberty:

Conscience could permit the one in (Eating Meat) but Consecration should deny the other (Eating Meat in the temple)

How do we know if our actions are right or wrong?

Vertical Relationship: Mark 12:30

Horizontal Relationship: Mark 12:31

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing!"

Thought Of Our Passage: "Believers' Actions Must Be Examined In Relation To Jesus, Other Believers And Those In Need Of Salvation."

1. Verses 16-22 Actions And Spiritual Implications

2. Verses 23-11:1 Actions And Social Implications

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1 Corinthians 10:16 Paul left off **1 Corinthians 10:15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.** Paul is saying, I am speaking to those that are in the know, born again, Holy Spirit, Word!

1 Corinthians 10 Paul had used Israel as an example of **Liberty Leading to Destruction.**

Is not the cup of blessing - Paul now uses the Lord's Supper as a picture of true fellowship.

which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? (Cup – Blood)

Notice the sharing that takes place when we take the cup.

Matthew 6:9 "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father

Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

(Bread – Marred Body) Jesus was broken for us; we too are to be broken for others.

The Lord's Supper is declaring who we are! (Sinners in right relationship)

The cup and the bread (Body & Blood) is our common ground through faith

1 Corinthians 10:17 for **we all** partake of the **one bread** - We are all part of His body. Unification through the sacrifice of Jesus; given a new birth.

1 Corinthians 10:18 **Look at the nation Israel;**

We did this in **1 Corinthians 10:1-15**, we look at Israel as an example of what not to do.

are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?

The priests and the worshipper were both to eat in fellowship with the Lord when they offered a sacrifice. **Deuteronomy 12:18**

1 Corinthians 10:19; 1 Corinthians 8:4

(The Problem was not the meat but the fellowship)

1 Corinthians 10:20 When we speak of **demons, Ephesians 2:1-3** **prince of the power of the air** - We are speaking of demonic activity that is worldwide! **Ephesians 6:11-12**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

Christians have to make the break.

There are some places that we just can't go! We need to make a break!

2 Corinthians 6:16-17

1 Corinthians 10:21 **"You Can't drink from two cups at the same time!"**

you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. "You Can't sit at two different tables at the same time!"

1 Corinthians 10:22 **Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy?**

The word **jealousy** - "*wounded love*" **Deuteronomy 32:21**

We are not stronger than He, are we?

This is speaking to the ultra-spiritual, that they had the liberty and were in control of things!

2. Verses 23-11:1 Actions And Social Implications

1 Corinthians 10:23 NLT 1 Cor. 10:23

All things are lawful,

This is speaking about **non-moral** issues or **nonessentials**.

4 Principles or Questions To Help Guide Us:

Principle #1 Is It Profitable? but not all things are profitable.

We should practice it when it is profitable to do so.

Principle #2 Does It Build Up? All things are lawful, but not all things edify. edify - Idea of building a structure.

1 Corinthians 10:24

Principle #3 Am I Self-focused? Let no one seek his own good,

The liberty is not to gratify the person. That we are not to live to please ourselves.

Romans 15:1 not just please ourselves;

1 Corinthians 13:5 *love* does not act unbecomingly;

Principle #4 Am I Thinking Of Others? but that of his neighbor. 2 Corinthians 6:10; Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens,

It may be good but is it the best?

Verses 25-26 The Meat Market: 1 Corinthians 10:25 without asking questions for conscience' sake;

1 Corinthians 10:26 FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS. (Psalm 24:1); Psalm 50:10-11; 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Verses 27-30 The Private Dinner: 1 Corinthians 10:27

If one of the unbelievers invites you, and you want to go,

The situation is between a Christian and a non-Christian having a meal together.

1 Corinthians 10:28 and for conscience' sake;

The conscience of the weaker brother.

1 Corinthians 10:29 for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? Or "*For what advantage can there be in my liberty being judged?*"

God gave liberty to help not to hinder.

It was designed for the believer's enjoyment, not for criticism.

1 Corinthians 10:30; Romans 14:16

Verses 31-11:1 Closing Statement For Liberty: 1 Corinthians 10:31
Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do,

Paul now wraps up the whole subject of Christian liberty by saying food, drink or whatever.

do all to the glory of God. Everything we do, whether it is ministry, marriage, family vocation, the spending of money...

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 just as I also please all men in all things,
Paul lived in such a way that he would not offend non-Christians or Christians.

so that they may be saved. Paul wanted their salvation.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me,

It is never wrong to follow a man as long as that man is following Christ!

Application: "All things are lawful," BUT—

- 1.** Will My Freedom Result in Freedom Or Slavery? (1 Cor. 6:12)
- 2.** Will My Freedom Make Me A Stumbling Block Or A Stepping-Stone? (1 Cor. 8:13)
- 3.** Will My Freedom Build Me Up Or Tear Me Down? (1 Cor. 10:23)
- 4.** Will My Freedom Please Me Or Will It Glorify Christ? (1 Cor. 10:31)
- 5.** Will My Freedom Help To Win The Lost To Christ Or Turn Them Away? (1 Cor. 10:33)