

**Series "Called To Be Saints"**  
**"History, His Story"**  
**1 Corinthians 10:1-15**  
**Part-16**

**History** – His-Story Is what history consists of. God's workings.

**Possession and awareness of liberty do not guarantee liberty.**

This section, **1 Corinthians 8-11:1**, is dealing with "**Liberty**"

**1 Corinthians 8 "Liberty In Non-Essentials"**

**1 Corinthians 9 "Liberty In Service To The Lord"**

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

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Possession And The Awareness Of The Believers' Liberty Does Not Guarantee The Enjoyment Of Our Liberty."

**1. Verses 1-4 Blessings Of The Christian Life**

**2. Verses 5-10 Failures Of The Christian Life**

**3. Verses 11-15 Lessons For The Christian Life**

**1. Verses 1-4 Blessings Of The Christian Life**

**1 Corinthians 10:1** **For** or **moreover** Joins what Paul has just said in **1 Corinthians 9:27**

**I do not want you to be unaware,**  
That not being informed can cause problems.

**brethren,** Now Paul is speaking to those that are believers. Some of them were also Jewish.

**that our fathers were all** - notice the word **all** that is used **10 times**. He is making it clear that all of Israel experienced the same things and had the same opportunities.

**(Blessing Of Guidance) under the cloud,** - This is God protecting Israel in the wilderness by day. **Exodus 13:21-22; Psalm 105:39**

**(Blessing Of Deliverance) and all passed through the sea;** This is a reference to the deliverance by God from Egypt by way of the Red Sea.

**1 Corinthians 10:2 (Blessing Of Assurance) Baptized** – *"Believers' identification with Jesus Christ, death burial and resurrection, walking in new life"*

**Purpose:** To show a complete break from the old world (Egypt)

**1 Corinthians 10:3 (Blessing Of Sustenance) spiritual food** – Because of where it came from, heaven. **John 6:32-33**

**Psalm 78:25; Exodus 16:14-15** The word **Manna** – means *"What is it?"*

**1 Corinthians 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink**, - When we speak of drinking, we are often speaking about taking in life.

**Exodus 17:1,6**

**The provisions that Jesus provided was evidence of His presence.**

The cloud and the pillar of fire – His presence.

Manna – food; Their sandals never wore out –

## **2. Verses 5-10 Failures Of The Christian Life**

**1 Corinthians 10:5 Nevertheless**, Paul has spoken how the Lord has been so good to Israel by providing for their needs, deliverance.

**with most of them God was not well-pleased;**

That is a gracious way of saying it.

**for they were laid low in the wilderness.**

literally *"wherever they went, there were graves"*

**Numbers 14:29**

God was pleased with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob but not the practice of the people.

**1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things happened as examples for us**, God is saying that these things can teach us.

**Paul Gives 5 Examples That We Can Learn From Israel's History:**

**1. Verse 6 Warning Against Lust: so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.**

This is the bottom line or the heart of the problem.

**2. Verse 7 Warning Against The Sin Of Idolatry: 1 Corinthians 10:7  
Exodus 32:1-6**

**Do not be idolaters as some of them were;**

This was a sin that some of the Corinthians were committing.

**1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.**

**3. Verse 8 Warning Against The Sin Of Immorality:**

**1 Corinthians 10:8** You turn from God and out goes morals.

**Numbers 25:1-2 Numbers 25:9 And those who died by the plague were 24,000.** This passage says 24,000... is this a discrepancy? No! The plague went on and took another 1,000. That day, it was 23,000 a day or so later it took another thousand.

**Hebrews 13:4**

**4. Verse 9 Warning Against The Sin Of Trying The Lord:**

**1 Corinthians 10:9 Nor let us try the Lord, How do we try the Lord?** When we show dissatisfaction for His gracious provision, protection of the basic necessities of life.

**Numbers 21:4-9**

**5. Verse 10 Warning Against The Sin Of Murmuring:**

**1 Corinthians 10:10**

**grumble** - *It is audible grumbling, unwarranted dissatisfaction.* 2 million people with nothing to complain about! Not real issues just complaints about this and that!

**Numbers 14:2,36**

**3. Verses 11-15 Lessons For The Christian Life**

**1 Corinthians 10:11**

**Paul Gives 4 Purposes For History:**

- 1. To Warn Us: Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction,** (Admonition) *"warning and correction designed to change past behavior and introduce new patterns of life"*

**upon whom the ends of the ages have come.**

We can learn and use the wealth of instruction that has been handed down through all the years.

**1 Corinthians 10:12**

- 2. To Keep Us From Pride: Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.** You better take to heart and really consider the pitfalls that are before you! **Proverbs 16:18**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

- 3. To Give Us Victory Over Temptations: No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man;**

**Ecclesiastes 1:9-10**

**and God is faithful,**

When we say that we are over our heads in temptation we are denying God's faithfulness.

**Others have resisted Temptation and so can we: who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able,**

God knows what we can handle.

**God will always show us a way out: but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also,**

**Escape** – Nautical term *"used of sailors that would lighten their ship in the midst of a storm by throwing overboard weighty or useless cargo"* (Gold, Silver)

**so that you will be able to endure it.**

God wants us to learn and grow.

**1 Corinthians 10:14 Therefore,**

What is the **Therefore, There for?** These believers were playing in the allowable and it was becoming sinful.

**Idolatry** – *"any object or thing that takes the rightful place of God"*

**1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.**

**1 Corinthians 10:15**

- 4. To Give Us Discernment: I speak as to wise men;**

*"those of intelligent common sense"* To give moral and spiritual discernment about present problems.

**you judge what I say.**

You need to look and take to heart what I am saying to you!

## **Application:**

- 1. Blessings Of The Christian Life:** God's Guidance, Deliverance, Assurance, Provision.
- 2. Failures Of The Christian Life:** The Sins Of The Past Are The Sins Of The Present.
- 3. Lessons For The Christian Life:** To Warn Us, To Keep Us From Pride, To Give Us Victory Over Temptations, To Give Us Discernment.