

“Learning From Past Failures”
1 Corinthians 10:1-15
Friday July 20, 2012

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1 Cor. 8-11:1 – The Christian And Liberty

1 Cor. 8 – Liberty In Non-Essentials

1 Cor. 9 – Liberty In Service To The Lord

1 Cor. 10 – Liberty Leading To Destruction

“What We Learn From History Is That We Don’t Learn From History”

1 Cor 10:11-12

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

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

3. Verses 11-15 – Lessons Of The Christian Life

1. Verses 1-4 – Blessings Of The Christian Life:

1 Cor 10:1

1 Cor. 9:27

The word all that is used 10X

Paul Mentions 5 Blessings Of Israel:

1. The Blessing Of God’s Guidance: “our fathers were all under the cloud,”

Exodus 13:21-22

Psalm 105:39

Colossians 3:15-16

2. The Blessing Of God’s Deliverance: “and all passed through the sea;”

Men What Is Your Personal Testimony Of God's Deliverance?

3. The Blessing Of Identification: 1 Cor 10:2 – “and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;”
Baptized – signifies a believer's identification with Christ in His death and resurrection and publicly manifests a death to the old life and a desire to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:3-4).

Purpose: of baptism was to show a complete break with the old life of Egyptian bondage and their anticipation of blessings as free men.

4. The Blessing Of God's Spiritual Food: 1 Cor 10:3 – “and all ate the same spiritual food;” – Psalm 78:25

John 6:32-33

5. Blessing Of God's Spiritual Drink: 1 Cor 10:4

Ex. 17:1

Ex. 17:6

2. Verses 5-10 – Failures Of The Christian Life:

1 Cor 10:5

“laid low in the wilderness.” – Literally, “Wherever they went, there were graves”

Num. 14:29

1 Cor 10:6

Now these things happened as examples for us; these can teach us.

Paul Identifies 4 Failures Of Israel:

1. The Sin Of Idolatry – 1 Cor 10:7

Exodus 32:1-6

1 John 5:21

2. The Sin Of Fornication – 1 Cor 10:8

Numbers 25:1-2

Numbers 25:9 – And those who died by the plague were 24,000

Heb 13:4

3. The Sin Of Tempting The Lord – 1 Cor 10:9

How do we tempt God? When we show dissatisfaction for His gracious provision, protection of the basic necessities of life.

Numbers 21:4-9

4. The Sin Of Murmuring – 1 Cor 10:10

grumble – It is audible grumbling; unwarranted dissatisfaction.

Numbers 14:2

Numbers 14:36

3. Verses 11-15 – Lessons Of The Christian Life:

1 Cor 10:11

Paul Gives 5 Purposes For History:

1. To Admonish Men – 1 Cor 10:11

“for our instruction,” – (Admonition) “a warning and correction designed to change past behavior and introduce new patterns of life.”

2. To Keep Men From Pride – 1 Cor 10:12

Prov. 16:18

3. To Give Men Victory In Temptations – 1 Cor 10:13

Temptations Happen to everyone, so don't think that God is picking on you! "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man;"

Ecc. 1:9-10

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

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

Escape – was used of sailors that would lighten their ship in the midst of a storm by throwing overboard weighty cargo.

4. To Keep Men From Idolatry – 1 Cor 10:14

"flee from Idolatry" – "an object or thing that takes the rightful place of God"

1 John 5:21

5. To Give Men Discernment – 1 Cor 10:15 – "I speak as to wise men;" – "Those of intelligent common sense."

"you judge what I say." – To give moral and spiritual discernment about present problems.

Application:

1. Am I In Jesus Christ? Am I Born Again? If I Am, I Have God's Many Blessings.

2. Israel's Failures Are Still Our Failures Today:

Sin Of Idolatry – (Something before God)

Sin Of Fornication – (Immorality)

Sin Of Tempting The Lord – (Not Grateful Of God's Grace)

Sin Of Murmuring – (Not Submitting To God's Leaders)

3. As Men, We Can Learn, We Can Change. God's Word Can Do The Following – Warn And Correct Me, Keep Me From Pride, Grant Victory In Temptation, Guard Me From Idolatry, And Give Me Discernment.