

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 96--1 Corinthians 10

Introduction: In this chapter Paul wraps up his discussion on idolatry. First he appeals to the example of the Israelites who fell in the wilderness and then makes the application to the Corinthians temptations to practice idolatry. There are two concerns--fellowship with idols and causing a brother to stumble.

Lesson aim: To encourage the student to overcome temptation, avoiding fellowship with error.

Paul appeals to the example of the Israelites--1 Cor. 10:1-13

1. Name the five things that all the Israelites did.
2. What happened to most of these people?
3. These things happened as _____ for us.
4. What are some things Paul said we should not be or do?
5. What warning did Paul give in verse 12?
6. What three things did Paul say about temptation?

An application to idolatry--1 Cor. 10:14-22

1. What did Paul tell the Corinthians to flee?
2. The bread we break is a sharing in the _____ of Christ. The cup that we drink is a sharing in the _____ of Christ.
3. When the Gentiles sacrifices to an idol, did that idol really represent some real god somewhere?
4. The sacrifices offered to the gods were really offered to whom?

5. When a Christian participated in idolatrous sacrifices, he was becoming a sharer with what?
6. A Christian cannot partake of the table of _____ and the table of _____.

An appeal to respect the consciences of others--1 Cor. 10:23-33

1. We should seek the good of whom?
2. If the Corinthians bought meat at the market, could they eat it even though it may have come from a pagan temple?
3. If the Corinthians were invited to dinner at the house of an unbeliever, what should he do about meat sacrificed to idols?
4. Whatever we do should be done to the _____ of God.
5. Who did Paul want to please? Why?