

Introduction - *Wednesday's Tornado*

A Study of 1 Corinthians

Part IV: FREEDOM!

Week 1: The issue of freedom and knowledge and rights

Week 2: Paul's choice NOT to exercise his own freedom

Week 3: Instead, Paul seeks to become all things to all people.

THIS WEEK - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Example of the Israelites

1 Cor.10:1-5

- Cloud and the Sea
- Baptism, Communion, and Jesus in the Old Testament?
- God was not pleased!

Example Fail! - 1 Cor. 10:6-11

- Idolatry (Exodus 32:1-6)
- Sexual immorality (Numbers 25:1-9)
- Put Christ to the test (Numbers 21:4-9)
- Grumbling (Numbers 16:41-50)

"Take heed!" - 1 Cor. 10:12

"God is faithful" - 1 Cor. 10:13

A common temptation

Application - "So, what now?"

1. Is there any area of your life where you find yourself "desiring evil"?
2. Will you heed the examples in front of us today and turn to the God who is faithful?

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

10:1 For I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 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.

Galatians 6:7-10

7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.