

## 1 Corinthians 10:14-33 **Flee Idolatry – The Lord's Table – The Table of Demons**

### Flee Idolatry

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.

### Communion – The Lord's Table

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

### Israel's law of Sacrifice

18 Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

### Contrast between the Lord's Table and the Table of Demons

19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? 20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

### Seek the other's well-being above that of self

23 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. 24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

### Food and the Conscience

25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; 26 for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness." 27 If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

### Conscience of others considered

28 But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness." 29 Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience? 30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for the food over which I give thanks?

### Do all to the glory of God

31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, 33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Flee Idolatry. [1 Corinthians 10:14]
- ✧ A simple straight forward command.
- ✧ I speak, you judge. [1 Corinthians 10:15, 14:29]

- ✧ Believers are expected to weigh the message and compare it to Scriptures to determine the validity of the message, as was the way of the commended Bereans. [Acts 17:10-11]
- ✧ The Word of God will pass the test of reason. Yahweh said, "Come now, and let us reason together." [Isaiah 1:18]

### Communion – The Lord's Table [1 Corinthians 10:16-17]

- ✧ The Lord's Table is the communion of the blood and body of Christ. [1 Corinthians 10:16]
- ✧ There is a unity of believers as we all partake of that one bread in remembrance of the Body of Jesus which was broken for us. [1 Corinthians 10:17, 11:24, Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19]

### Israel's law of Sacrifice [1 Corinthians 10:18]

- ✧ In the Law God gave to Israel, those who eat of the sacrifices are partakers of the altar. [1 Corinthians 10:18, Leviticus 7:35, Deuteronomy 18:1]

### Contrast between the Lord's Table and the Table of Demons [1 Corinthians 10:19-22]

- ✧ Things sacrificed to idols are sacrificed to demons. [1 Corinthians 10:19-20]
- ✧ We may not partake of the Lord's Table and the table of demons.
- ✧ To do so would provoke the Lord to jealousy, and we are not stronger than He.

### Seek the other's well-being above that of self [1 Corinthians 10:23-24]

- ✧ We know that an Idol is nothing and food offered to idols is good food, therefore all things are lawful to us, but all things are not helpful because they do not all edify.
- ✧ Christian love sets the well-being of others above self.

### Food and the Conscience [1 Corinthians 10:25-27]

- ✧ Food previously offered to idols is often later sold in the meat market.
- ✧ Therefore, eat whatever is sold in the meat market without questioning it for conscience' sake. [1 Corinthians 10:25]
- ✧ The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness, therefore all food is good to be received with thanksgiving.
- ✧ If you accept an invitation to dine at the home of an unbeliever, eat whatever is set before you without questioning it, for conscience sake.

### Conscience of others considered [1 Corinthians 10:28-30]

- ✧ If someone informs you that the food was offered to idols, do not eat it for his conscience sake, since it may become a stumbling block for him.
- ✧ The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness, and food it produces is to be received with thanksgiving.
- ✧ However we are responsible for things we may do in the liberty of knowledge, that may cause another to stumble.

### Do all to the glory of God [1 Corinthians 10:31-33]

- ✧ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- ✧ Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God.
- ✧ Paul placed the concern for the well-being of others above his own.
- ✧ Follow the example of Paul, as he seeks to avoid offending others, that they may be saved.
- ✧ Our goal is to reach the unbelievers in a way that they may be saved.