

1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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Chapter 10:22-11:1

Verse of the Day:

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. (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Review: Who, What, When, Where, Why?

What's Going On Here?

In chapter 10, Paul warns against participation in idol worship. Paul previously allowed that discerning Christians have the freedom, barring the giving of offense to the weak in faith, to eat food offered to idols. But it is one thing to eat such food in private homes and quite another thing to participate in idol worship. Paul adds the lesson that idolatry itself is a sin and must be shunned. It is wrong to argue that an idol is nothing. For in idolatry the devil is worshiped.¹

²¹ *You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.* ²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Do All to the Glory of God

²³ *“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.* ²⁴ Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. ²⁵ Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶ For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” ²⁷ If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸ But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹ I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience? ³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? ³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² *Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God.* ³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

11 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

v22: c.f. Exodus 20:2–6

v23: c.f. 1 Corinthians 6:12 & 8:1

v24: c.f. Galatians 6:2-5 & 1 John 4:21, what is the law of Christ?

v25-30: c.f. 1 Cor 8, How does Paul’s emphasis change when compared to the earlier passage?

v31: How are we to determine if something is to God’s glory or not?

¹ Engfehr, Lois M. (1997). *God’s Word for Today: 1 Corinthians* (p. 50). St. Louis: Concordia Pub. House. Reproducible by purchaser only. © 2009 Concordia Publishing House.

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.

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