

Personal Convictions

1 Corinthians 8-10 (Part 2)

Recap From Last Week

- Chapter 8 Summary

- Food sacrificed to idols
- Christian freedom
- Causing a brother or sister to stumble
- Paul's principle

- Chapter 9 Summary

- Paul's freedom as an apostle
- Right to earn a wage
- Not allowing his freedom to hinder the Gospel

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

1 **For** I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud and they all passed through the sea; 2 and they all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and they all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and **the rock was Christ.**

1 Corinthians 10:5-10

5 **Nevertheless**, with most of them God was not pleased; for their dead bodies were spread out in the wilderness. 6 **Now these things happened as examples for us**, so that we would not **crave evil things** as they indeed craved them. 7 Do not be **idolaters**, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down **to eat** and **to drink**, and **rose up to play.**" 8 Nor are we to commit **sexual immorality**, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. 9 Nor are we to put the Lord to the test, as some of them did, and were killed by the snakes. 10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer.

1 Corinthians 10:11-13

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 **Therefore let the one who thinks he stands watch out that he does not fall.** 13 No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, **so that you will be able to endure it.**

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

14 **Therefore**, my beloved, **flee from idolatry**. 15 I speak as to wise people; you then, judge what I say. 16 Is the cup of blessing which we bless not a **sharing in the blood of Christ**? Is the bread which we break not a **sharing in the body of Christ**? 17 Since there is one loaf, we who are many are **one body**; for we all partake of the **one loaf**. 18 Look at the people of Israel; **are those who eat the sacrifices not partners in the altar**? 19 What do I mean then? **That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?** 20 No, but I say that things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become partners with demons. 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 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?

Revelation 2

- 14 (To Pergamum) But I have a few things against you, because you have some there who **hold the teaching of Balaam**, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to **eat things sacrificed to idols** and to **commit sexual immorality**.
- 20 (To Thyatira) But I have this against you, **that you tolerate the woman Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they **commit sexual immorality** and **eat things sacrificed to idols**.

1 Corinthians 10:23-33 (and 11:1)

- 23 All things are permitted, but not all things are of benefit. All things are permitted, but not all things **build people up** 24 **No one is to seek his own advantage**, but rather that of his neighbor. 25 **Eat anything** that is sold in the **meat market without asking questions**, for the sake of conscience; 26 for the earth is the Lord's, and all it contains. 27 If one of the **unbelievers invites you** and you want to go, **eat anything** that is set before you **without asking questions**, for the sake of conscience. 28 But if anyone says to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of that one who informed you and for the sake of conscience; 29 Now by "conscience" I do not mean your own, but the other person's; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? 30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered about that for which I give thanks? 31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God. 32 Do not offend Jews or Greeks, or the church of God; 33 **just as I also please everyone in all things, not seeking my own benefit but the benefit of the many, so that they may be saved.**
- 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Application

1. Christians do have freedom
2. Don't let freedoms become a stumbling block
3. Be care of going too far with freedoms
4. Be careful with knowledge
5. Be careful how we communicate convictions and liberties.
6. Build one another up
7. Radically pursue unity in the Body of Christ.