

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

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?

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

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.

Questions for 1st Corinthians – Chapter 10

1. Is the account of Israel being led by the cloud through the sea (divided on both sides) stated as fiction, allegory or an historical event? _____
2. Why did the vast majority of those delivered from Egyptian bondage die in the wilderness? _____
3. What specific sins does the text attribute to the generation of Israelites who died in the wilderness? _____
4. Why were these cases of Old Testament disobedience and judgment written down for us to read? _____
5. What does this teach us about the use of examples in the Bible? _____

6. “No _____ has overtaken you _____ such as is _____ to man; but God is _____, who will not _____ you to be _____ beyond what you are able, but with the _____ will also make the way of _____, that you may be able to _____ it.”
7. How would one “flee idolatry”? _____
How should we “flee” other sins? _____
8. If my choice is between two lawful actions, one that edifies and another that does not edify, which one should I choose to help my brethren? _____
9. How might my liberty be judged by another man’s conscience? _____

Thought Question: “The cup of blessing” we bless and partake is identified as the “communion of the blood of Christ.” Is the word “**cup**” used to describe the container or the contents, the fruit of the vine? Why?