

Learning the Easy Way

1 Corinthians 10:1-22

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

- I. **Introduction (1:1-9)**
- II. **Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)**
- III. **Questions Raised (7:1-16:4)**
 - c. Christian Liberty Abuses (8:1 – 11:1)

What is a Christian Liberty?

An area of liberty is a practice or activity, not sinful of itself nor specifically commanded against in Scripture, which a Christian is free to participate in under certain circumstances, but which may become sinful if the liberty is used in excess or in conflict with loving others.

A. Learn from the saints of the past (10:1-11)

1. **A riddle: Despite amazing spiritual blessings, the saints who were saved out of Egypt experienced spiritual failure. (10:1-5)**

**Who are the “fathers” in view?*

**What blessings did they enjoy?*

- under the cloud (v1) –
- passed through the sea (v1) –
- baptized into Moses (v2) –
- ate spiritual food (v3) –
- drank spiritual drink (v4) –

**What happened to them? (v5)*

2. **An encouragement: Let’s not fail where they did. (10:6-11)**

**What is the primary negative example? (v6)*

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**What specific lusts did they pursue?*

- idolatry (v7) –
- sexual immorality (v8) –
- tempting Christ (v9) –
- complaining (v10) –

B. Take heed to yourself in the present (10:12-13)

**Why might you come to think that you are strong?*

**How will you be tempted?*

C. Protect yourself from spiritual danger in the future (10:14-22)

- The direct application for the Corinthians: Flee idolatry because it is sinful to participate in false worship. It is therefore an abuse of liberty to participate in idol worship.

**What is the application for us?*