



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Restoration Series “All in with JESUS”

DATE: January 26, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)
1 Corinthians 10, Exodus 13:21, 14:21, 16:4, 15, 17:5-7, Psalm 106:14-15, Exodus 32:6, **Numbers 25:1-9 (sexual sins)**, Numbers 21:6-9 (Serpents), Number 16:3-41, Exodus 12:23 (the Destroyer), **Hebrews 9:24-26 (End of the ages)**, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, James 1:13-15, Matthew 26:26-29, Leviticus 7:6-15, Galatians 4:8-9 (Turning back), **Deuteronomy 32:37-39**, Romans 15:2-6, **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[1 Corinthians 10]

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."

8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,

10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 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.

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.

16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

18 Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?

19 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants 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 Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

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.*

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Co 10:1–33.

BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

Shekinah (Heb. שְׁכִינָה, 'dwelling'). The word (not found in the OT) is used by the Jews of God's visible Presence, conceived as 'dwelling' among men. The *Rabbis often employed it as one of the circumlocutions for the name of 'God' in cases where it was desired to avoid *anthropomorphism. Hence in the *Targum, Is. 6:5 becomes 'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Shekinah of the King of the Ages'. Similarly, in the NT the ideas of God's glory and His dwelling among men are associated in Jn. 1:14 ('And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory'), and in a number of other passages the word 'glory' (δόξα) occasionally seems to convey the overtones associated with the Jewish Shekinah.

F. L. Cross and Elizabeth A. Livingstone, eds., *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* (Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), 1504.

OUTLINE:

I. PAST EXAMPLES (v1-10)

A. GOD PROVIDED

1. (v1) "...were all under the cloud" - God's Shekinah Glory lead them by day and by night through the wilderness...
2. (v1) "...and all passed through the sea"- parting of the red sea in protection of His people...
3. (v2) "...all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea"- God gave them a leader in Moses that would lead them to the promised land (Moses is a type of Christ)
4. (v3) "... all ate the same spiritual food,"- Manna sent down from heaven (God's providence)
5. (v4) "... All drank the same Spiritual drink"- reference of Moses striking the Rock and water coming out-- protection and sustaining power of Christ
6. (v4) "the Rock was Christ"- it all pointed to Christ who would come for those who put their faith in God's provisions as Moses did.

B. GOD PUNISHED

1. (v5) "overthrown in the wilderness"- God dealt with the disobedient children of Israel in the wilderness
2. (v6)= the purpose of all of these examples... "that we might not desire evil as they did."
3. (V7) THEY WERE IDOLATERS
 - a) "They sat down to eat and drink"- Sacrificial feasts associated with false gods
 - b) "Rose up to play"- reference to erotic sexual dancing associated with worship of false gods.
4. (v8) "twenty-three thousand fell in a single day..."
 - a) Psalm 106:28-30, Exodus 32 Worship of False gods infuriated God "(Exodus 32v7 "have corrupted themselves")
5. (v9) "we must not put Christ to the test and were destroyed by serpents"- (Numbers 21:5-6 they died from bites of serpents)

6. (v10) “They grumbled... some were destroyed by the destroyer” (Numbers 16:3-41)

II. PRESENT EXHORTATIONS (v11-33)

- A. (v11) “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.”- written to warn and instruct us today how to worship the Lord alone...
- B. God has not changed (v12)
- C. God has provided strength and provisions to endure the times of temptations= “way of escape”
 1. (v13) “Able to bear it” implies that we will go through times of trials with God’s help
 - a) People are not tempted by God but of their own fleshly desires (James 1:13-14)
 - b) Temptations are allowed by God through secondary agents so that we will turn to the Lord Alone (because we cannot bear them alone)
 - c) The “way of escape”
 - (1) is Christ and His resources
 - (2) in Christ alone
 - d) The very testing of your faith is the focus of the temptation that God has allowed
 2. (v14) Command- “be free from Idolatry”- that your faith in Christ may grow
- D. (v16-17) [Communion terminology] “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”
 1. The very word “communion” indicates to have in common with, participate in, in partnership with
 - a) Full participation in the death and life of Christ casts out all other associations and partnerships in this world.
 - b) (v16) Blood= the atonement of Christ- He has bought us with a price which is His blood spilled for us and we are not our own
 - (1) (1 Cor 6:19-20) “we are not our own”

(2) Participation= to have a share in the victory
(Hebrews 2:14)

c) (v16) Body= His body broken for us

- E. (v18) pagan worship-- Participants in eating of the food offered to idols with intent to connect with the false god (participation in the gesture was worship and connection to the false god)
- F. (v19-20) not about the god or the food but the gesture and participation that revealed devotion and communion
 - 1. Demons accept the worship of anything that was intended for God but directed elsewhere
 - a) Those gods are nothing but the worship is demonic in nature
- G. (v21) The worship of a child of God cannot be divided as you are either in with the world or in with Christ--" *You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons*"
- H. (v22) "Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy?"-- anything other than full surrender and worship is acceptable in our lives (
 - 1. Matthew 21:12 (overturning the tables in our lives))

III. PRESENT FREEDOM (v23-33)

A. (v23) **Permission**

- 1. "Lawful"- authorized by God
- 2. "Not Helpful"- Doesn't bring forth fruit
- 3. "Not Build up"- Edify my brother or sister in Christ/Set them up to grow in Christ

B. (v24-30) **Prevention**

- 1. (v24) The guiding factor of prevention and love is seeking the good of your neighbor above yourself (Philippians 2:3-4)
- 2. (v25)"Eat without question" to avoid any problem of conscience-- Don't bring up an issue unless brought to you
- 3. (v26) it all belongs to the Lord and He is good with it
- 4. (v27) Practically when with others eat with them as they serve it if they make no mention of the meat being offered to idols
- 5. (v28) If it is made known that it is meat once offered to Idols do not eat as it is preventative
 - a) For your brothers conscience

b) your witness

6. (v29-30) How can we ever truly express our thanks to God for the food when we have offended our brother and caused him to sin

C. (v31-33) **Praise**

1. (v31) “**So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**” --seek to point people to our great God through all that we do...
2. (v32-33) “ **not seeking my own advantage**, but that of many, that they may be saved.”--
 - a) seek to not offend others even though it does not offend God in the act itself
 - b) Seek to be usable as a godly witness (that they may see Jesus instead of your selfishness)

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----
Church,

Thank God that we have freedoms to live life and know God is pleased with us because of Jesus and His finished work alone. We must separate from the gods of this world. Participation in the body and blood of Christ is salvation. Salvation is a commitment and union with the Lord in all His endeavors in this world. Salvation is communion with Christ and He will not share space with other gods and other loves. Are you honest with yourself in this area? Are there things that are idols that are receiving your worship today? Are there things you have liberty in that you need to be careful with thinking more preventatively? This attitude is a missional attitude and is worship. Worship Christ with all that you are and with your freedom! God is seeking your worship.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Michael

