I Corinthians 10 – Not Eating Sacrificial Meat in Pagan Temples

- 1. Israel as an example to warn, v. 1-13
 - a. Some taught they could eat even in pagan temples. Paul shows them otherwise.
 - b. Recall of Blessings, v. 1-4
 - i. All metaphorically baptized into authority of Moses
 - ii. All took the same food
 - iii. All drank the same water
 - c. Most overthrown in the Wilderness, v. 5-10
 - i. V. 6 desired evil
 - ii. V. 7 idolaters
 - iii. V. 8 sexual immorality
 - iv. V. 9 put the Lord to the test
 - v. V. 10 complained
 - d. Application, v. 11-13
 - i. V. 11 serve as examples
 - ii. V. 13 take heed from falling as Israel fell
 - iii. V. 13 God is faithful in temptation
 - 1. Everyone is tempted.
 - 2. Everyone is tempted in basically the same ways.
 - 3. There is a limit.
 - 4. There is an escape.
 - 5. Through God's will, we overcome temptation.
- 2. Christians must not eat sacrificial meat in idolatrous worship, v. 14-22
 - a. Imperative "flee" v. 18, 14
 - b. V. 16-21 Idolatrous worship was fellowship with demons
 - c. V. 21-22 Two reasons not to:
 - i. V. 21 morally incompatible to do both
 - ii. V. 22 the Lord is provoked to jealousy
- 3. Paul's concluding remarks, v. 23-11:1
 - a. V. 23 "all things are lawful" fallacies
 - i. All not expedient v. 23
 - ii. All do not edify v. 23
 - iii. All not good for one's neighbor v. 24
 - b. Circumstances in which sacrificial meat might be eaten
 - i. When purchased at meat market not knowing v. 25
 - 1. Ok to buy and eat
 - 2. V. 26
 - ii. When invited to eat with unbelievers who invited them to a social event, v. 27
 - 1. Exception: Don't eat if you've been told it was offered to an idol, v.28-30
 - 2. Powell notes it is probably a weaker brother that would say that
 - c. Do all to God's glory v .31
 - d. Give no offence to others v. 32
 - e. Imitate Paul as he imitates Jesus, 11:1

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