

Joint Heirs
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Secure But Scrutinized 1 Cor 10:1-13

Review of the section

Maturity in the Christian Life is manifested as we seek the best for others by relinquishing our rights for the sake of others. (Philippians 2) Paul has given us the principle in chapter 8 and summarized in 8:13. He then illustrated the principle by his own life chapter 9.

Section- Food Offered to Idols & Christian Liberty in the Body of Christ

The Principle Explained 8:1-13

The Principle Illustrated 9:1-27

The Peril of Participation 10:1-13

The Principle Applied 10:14-11:1

Paul will now illustrate the principle with demonstrating the negative consequences through the experience of the nation of Israel in Chapter 10. Wisdom is often learned as we observe others. And less personally painful!!

Summary of the sermon

Israel's misuse of its privilege in the wilderness warns against the attitude toward Christian liberty, which brings God's disapproval. Paul has just told them of how a Godly mindset brings approval. Now he warns of God's disapproval. A good sermon involves a positive and negative aspect for motivation.

- I. The spiritual privileges of identification as God's people and provision for their needs were received by the whole nation 10:1-4 (FOR...)
NB "ALL..." All were identified and united
 - A. ALL Under a cloud (Ex 13:21-22 14:19)
NB Those who came out came out under the blood of Passover and then were led by God through the cloud representing his presence
They were saved?
 - B. ALL Passed thru the sea Red sea (Ex 14:15-22)
NB They passed through and believed (Ex 14:29-31)
 - C. ALL Baptized into Moses in the cloud and sea (This combines the first two items in association with Gods leader and deliverer Moses)
(Baptism puts us in association and relation with Christ)
 - D. ALL Ate the same spiritual food- Manna (Ex 16:1-36)

E. ALL Drank of the Spiritual rock= Christ Messiah

Two times for emphasis

Ex 17:1-9 Moses instructed to strike the rock. He did.

Numb 20:1-13 (Moses was to speak to the rock but he struck the rock.) The rock gave water but Moses struck the rock and rebelled against God and was bared from the promised land.

II. Most of the nation brought disapproval upon themselves by sinning against God in spite of their privilege. 10:5-10 (NEVERTHELESS...)

NB. Numb 21:6-9 Israel sinned and fiery serpents bit them. But look to Moses serpent and live. They looked and lived.

NB Jesus is the one lifted up and we need to look and live John 3:15

A. The Results Upon the Nation. (Nation gained disapproval) :5.

Remember (Approval Disapproval 1 Cor 9:27 & 2Cor 13:5)

B. The Reason for the Results Upon the Nation :6-10

1. Not Crave evil things :6

2. Idolaters 7 (Ex 32:4,6)

3. Immorality 8 (Nub 25:9)

See Rev 2:20 My bond servants- Idolatry Immorality

4. "Try or test the Lord Numb 21

5. Grumble :10 (Num 16:41,49 17:5,10) Destroyer from God Ex 12:23

III. The experience of Israel serves as a warning not to succumb to temptation even when one has a privilege of standing before God 10:11-13 (NOW these....)

OT in NT- Allusion, Illustration, Echo, Senseus Plenora, Direct fulfilment- Peshet

A. The Lesson of the Past :11

B. The Learning in the Present :12-13

Learn from the past experience of others. It is not as painful.

Were they forgiven and were they "regenerated or "saved" or lost?

God pardoned the people but also punished them. Consequences of sin NB. Num 14: Numb 14:20 did not inherit the land. Also, Arron & Moses because of rebellion and sin but they came out under the blood and were fed and provided for by God until they all died. However, there were 2 who entered into the land of that generation. (See Heb 4)

Israel and the church have a favored acceptance from the Lord, but we can sin and we will suffer the consequences if we do. Hence, serve one another 8:13, and discipline your life 9:24-27 so you win the race and not be disqualified 9:27 or be disapproved 10:5! (2 Cor 13:5)