

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Wednesday Bible Study
1 Corinthians Chapter 10 Part 2
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I. Christian Liberty Balanced with Responsibility

1 Corinthians 10:15-18 (NASB) *I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say. Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?*

A. Believers are part of one body in Jesus.

1 Corinthians 10:19 (NASB) *What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?* (Refer back to 1 Corinthians 8:4)

B. False gods and idols have no power because they are not real.

1 Corinthians 10:20 (KJV) *But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.*

C. Demons are spirits, but they are not Gods.

What is the difference between an angel and a demon? They are virtually the same composition with a different disposition.

Feature	Angels	Demons
Nature & Alignment	Holy, righteous, and devoted to God.	Evil, corrupted, and opposed to God.
Primary Mission	Worship God, deliver messages, and protect believers.	Tempt humans, spread false teachings, and cause spiritual harm.
Ultimate Destiny	Eternal dwelling in the presence of God.	Eternal judgment and condemnation.

1 Corinthians 10:21 (KJV) *Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.*

D. Bad company corrupts good manners, but believers cannot be possessed by demonic spirits.

1 Corinthians 10:22 (NASB) *Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?* (reference Deuteronomy 32:19-21; Isaiah 45:9-12)

E. **Testing** God, is fighting God and fighting God is **futile**, so don't!

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 (NASB) *All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor.*

F. Our actions ought to **benefit** and **build** each other, never **bankrupt** or **break**.

1 Corinthians 10:24 (NASB) *Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor.*

Does this mean I should not want good things and to enjoy life?

G. Believers should NEVER put self-**pleasure** over or at the expense of someone else's **pain**.

1 Corinthians 10:25-28 (NASB) *Eat anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake; FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS. (reference Psalm 24:1) If one of the unbelievers invites you and you want to go, eat anything that is set before you without asking questions for conscience' sake. But if anyone says to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake;*

G. If it means enough for them to **say** something, then you should **acknowledge**.

1 Corinthians 10:29-30 (NASB) *I mean not your own conscience, but the other man's; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give thanks?*

H. A person's **soul** is worth more than my **satisfaction**.

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 (NASB) *Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved.*

I. **EVERYTHING** we do should lead people to the saving grace of Jesus. **NOTHING** we do should turn them away.

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