

## Sermon Notes

Series: Exploring Exodus: Redemption from the Depths to Glory

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Title: Serious Cautions from a Sinful Community, Pt. II

### 2 lessons

#### I. THE UNITING POWER OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 14-18

##### A. THE COMMAND THAT IS PRESSING 14-15

*cf.* 1 Cor 6:18; 1 Jn 5:21. The Context- see 7:1; began in 8:1ff; resumed in 10:1ff. The Consideration- sensible, 1 Cor 4:10. The Charge- make a careful, studious evaluation of all that I've said and then come to the correct conclusion

##### B. THE COMMUNION THAT IS PIVOTAL 16-17

The God-given means of grace. Bless synonymous with thanksgiving, 1 Cor 11:24; 22:19; gratitude to God for his superabundant blessings, favor to/upon us, especially in Christ, his inexpressible gift, 2 Cor 9:15. See WLC 168 Most Necessary for our Nourishing- and growth in grace; recall Jn 6:48-58. Not merely a memorial celebration. Most Indicative of our Intimacy- union with Christ, participation in his body, blood. Most Convincing of the Covenant- in the Lord's Supper, we affirm our covenant relationship with the Lord. Note our Lord's words in Lk 22:19-20; Paul's words in 1 Cor 11:24-25. Recall typology of Ex 24:3-11. Most Instructive of our Identity- our unity as believers, Christians; the Lord's Table for the Lord's people

##### C. THE COMPARISON THAT IS PROPER 18

Ref. to sons of Abraham not according to faith but according to the flesh, that is, non-Christian Jews. Acknowledge the Past- 1 Cor 10:6-10; Ex 32:6. Apply the Principles - 1 Cor 10:11- Hebrew worship consisted of sacrificing an animal to God; , they burned part of it on the altar and ate part of it, Lev 10:12-15; Dt 18:1-4. Sharing in the sacrificial meal necessitated /demonstrated entering into a relationship with God and communion with one another. Answer the Challenge- draw your conclusion- in Ex 32:1-6, they partook of sacrifices not made to God but to an idol and in their idol worship, they ate this sacrifice; broke their covenant vow, Ex 24:3, 7; forsook their God; etc. An affirmative answer is expected.

#### II. THE UNCOMPROMISING POSITION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 19-22

##### A. THE EXPLANATION THAT IS REQUIRED 19-20

Regarding the Character of Idolatry- v. 19 reaffirms 1 Cor 8:4-6. I'm not changing my previous teaching. Regarding the Certainty of Idolatry- see v. 18; pagans not in original; ref. to sinful community of Dt 32:15-18. Regarding the Command against Idolatry- absolute antithesis; no common, middle ground between good and evil; call for absolute separation, 2 Cor 6:14-18; sheer incompatibility. Josh 24:15; 1 Ki 18:21; Mt 6:24; **Jesus=Lord of all.**

##### B. THE EXCLUSIVENESS THAT IS RE-EMPHASIZED 21

Parallels vv. 16-17. Cup used in respective ceremonies or given by the Lord and demons; same with table. What God has put asunder let no man join. An Irreconcilable Exclusiveness. An Irreversible Exclusiveness. To drink of the Lord's cup and to eat at his table are to be at one with him. You cannot partake of him and of demons; a deadly double-dealing. Lord's Supper not for impenitent sinners.

##### C. THE EXASPERATION THAT IS RECKLESS 22

The Clear Implication- ref. to Israel's idolatry against God in the wilderness; same Greek word for *provoke* ... used in LXX Dt 32:21; similar meaning in v. 16. See Ex 20:5; 34:7; etc. The serious caution from a sinning community= don't repeat your forefathers' sins. The Crass Insubordination- do you think that defying, disobeying God proves that you're stronger than