

## **Warnings Against Idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:1-13)**

- Corinthians abusing freedoms in Christ, Gospel liberties, selfishly
- They weren't considering the weaker brother, despising church body
- Paul: willing to forego his liberties for the sake the Gospel (1 Cor 9:22)
- The other hand: motivation among Corinthians was pride/selfishness
- Their pride led to carnality: sexual immorality & division among them
- Paul's example: beat his body into submission for the Gospel's sake
- Paul points them to Israel's history and God's dealing with his people

### **I. Israel and Examples: Five Blessings that Became a Curse (10:1-4)**

- 1) They were all under the cloud" (vs 1)
- 2) They all passed through the Sea (vs.1)
- 3) They were all baptized into Moses (vs.2)
- 4) They all ate the same spiritual food (vs.3)
- 5) They all drank the same spiritual drink (v.4)

### **II. Four Ways in Which Israel Provoked God to Anger (vs 6-9)**

- 1) By idolatry (vv.6,7)
- 2) By sexual immorality (v.8 -1 Cor 5; 6:12-20; cf Numbers 25:1-9)
- 3) By testing or tempting (v.9; Numbers 25:5-6)
- 4) They were commanded not to grumble (v.10; Numbers 14:2)

### **III. Paul's Strategy for Such Temptations (11-13)**

- Learn from their example. We're the fruit of promises they squandered
- Pride leads to a fall, so we must cling to Christ to escape temptation