

Israel's Salvation and Ours

1 Cor. 10:1-13

Introduction:

- A. Corinth's idolatry.
 - 1. Temple of Venus.
 - 2. Meat everywhere: markets, neighbor's homes, temple.
- B. Paul's meat-eating guidelines.
 - 1. Marketplace. (10:25).
 - 2. Neighbor's house. (10:27-33).
 - 3. Idol's temple (8:10-12; 10:14-22).
 - 4. Other considerations.
 - a. Effect on others (8:13).
 - b. Effect on self. (9:27; 10:14).
- C. Israel's example.
 - 1. All escaped and were blessed..
 - 2. Most destroyed before reaching Canaan.
 - 3. Divided into two parts:

Discussion:

I. Israel's *Freedom*.

- A. Baptism into Moses freed Israel Egypt. (vv. 1-2).
- B. Baptism into Christ frees us from sin. (Rom. 6:1-4, 17, 18)
- C. Free Israelites blessed by Christ. (vv. 3, 4)
- D. Free Christians blessed in Christ (Eph. 1:3)

II. Israel's *Fall* (v. 5).

- A. Their *Lust*. (v. 6)
 - 1. "Evil things?" (Num. 11:4-6).
 - a. Not *inherently* evil, but *circumstantially* evil.
 - b. Given meat, but paid for it (vv. 18-20; 33-34).
 - 2. Corinthians not to lust after meat of idolatry.
 - 3. Christians can lust after other such evil things.
- B. Their *Idolatry*. (v. 7)
 - 1. Israel and the golden calf. (Ex. 32:1-6, 35).
 - 2. Corinthians and idol's feast. (vv. 14-22).
 - 3. Christians and "innocent" activities of false religious groups.
- C. Their *Fornication*. (v. 8)
 - 1. Idolatry and fornication at Arcadia Grove (Num. 25:1-3).
 - 2. Fornication and idolatry at Corinth. (Temple of Venus)
 - 3. Corinthians to flee both. (v. 14; 6:18)
- D. Their *tempting Christ*. (v. 9)
 - 1. Israel tried His patience (Ex. 17:1-7; Num. 21:4-6).
 - 2. Corinthians promised help with temptations (v. 13).
 - a. Not excuse for tempting Christ by placing self under temptation in Idol's temple.
 - b. Jesus makes this principle clear (Matt. 4:6,7).
- E. Their *Complaining*. (v. 10 cf. Num. 14:2-5)
 - 1. Corinthians must not complain about limits of "liberty."
 - 2. Accept God's will and providence without complaining.. (cf. Phil. 2:14)

Conclusion:

- A. "Therefore ... " (vv. 12-13).
- B. Anyone in bondage of sin? Become free, remain free.