

## DOES YOUR LIFE PLEASE GOD?

1 Corinthians 10:1-6

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Intro:

- \* Last **several weeks** talking about **MATERIALISM**.
- The dangers of **Materialism breeds in us a self-centered ungrateful spirit.**
- \* American Christianity we have the tendency to ask the question... "What's in it for me?"
- \* **The correct/biblical question is...**  
**"Does my life please God?"** Ever ask that question?

1 Cor. 10 Paul uses an illustration of Israel's history to make his point...

**(10:1-5)** "Moreover..." connects back to chapter 9

Clear (v6) "EXAMPLES"

- Today how to protect from the evils of materialism... (not WHAT you do/don't have)  
**But do you CARE that your life pleases God?**
- \* Can you **give thanks for WHAT you have & for WHAT you DON'T have?**

See it **9:24-27** another illustration- Olympics "castaway"= some one disqualified.

- \* **Not to be disqualified for being "DUMB"** (10:1) "ignorant"
  - My job, make sure you are NOT dumb.
  - Don't fail to understand the truth.
- A. **We need to understand WHY God gave us a bible- the INSTRUCTION book.**
  1. Mostly a male thing- fail to read the instruction (we wait for problems then)
  2. The content of the bible- OT & NT (never perfectly understand the NT without **understanding the OT**)
  3. **10:6** Pictures - "examples"  
**10:11** "Ensamples"  
**2:13** Paul teaching them in the early part of this book, **comparing things SPIRITUAL things.**

**NOTE:** What Paul is saying here, "**We should learn from Israel's mistakes.**"  
**Lesson here All that God did for them they WASTED God's grace.**

- The story of the Exodus (40 years)
- What more could God have done?
- \* Pay attention to what is happening here.  
They all died in the wilderness- over 20 years of age.
- \* **Picture of our Christian life-** salvation to maturity. (Discipleship)
- \* Some believers get saved & waste God's grace- waste their lives.  
**You & I have a chance to CHANGE the world.**

**Listen to a few pieces of the scripture about a life that pleases God...**

- **Prov. 16:7; Rom 8:8; Gal 1:10; 1 Thes. 4:1; 2 Tim 2:4; Heb 11:6** the ***essence of the matter,***
- \* **I am tired of MENTAL Christians... think they are something, but NOT living it.**  
**11:6b** "...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them **that diligently seek him.**"
- \* **Four DIVINE Gifts/ Provisions God gave to Israel (& to us)**
  1. **Salvation:** **1 Cor 10:1** "under the cloud"= the presence & Glory of God Almighty
    - Picture of coming under the cloud= SUBMISSION to God..
    - They passed through the Red Sea- tell the story of the chase...(brick-makers)

Under the cloud God opened the Red Sea... Back against the wall LOST, no answer, no direction, you saw you need - got under the cloud

**2. Baptized 1 Cor 10:2** - means to immerse something

(*7 baptisms in the bible*) Moses 1 Cor 10, John Baptist Jn 1:31, Peter Acts 2, NT Christians Rom 6 death; 1 Cor 12:13 Spirit, water (a picture), coming in Tribulation (fire) Mt 3:11-13

**First step of Discipleship**- public profession

**3. Spiritual nourishment- 10:3-4** God gives us Provision for them (even in rebellion)

\* The meat (bread) water the Holy Spirit (Jn 7)

Sunday's we come to be nourished (soul & spirit)

**4. Headship - 10:4b** "That Rock was Christ" **petra** = boulder

(Mt 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (**petros= piece of rock**), and upon this rock (**petra= boulder**) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

\* **The "Rock" is Christ!**

**He is the HEAD**, not a carnal physical head on the earth.

Why we have authority over us..

**Gal 1:20-23** "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: Eph 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and **gave him to be the head over all things to the church**, Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

\* This whole thing is the process of discipleship- the 4 steps, under the headship of Christ.

**Have you experienced that?**

**Are you thankful for it?**

\* This is where Israel blew it..

Those 17 people that Edward Spenser saved never went back & thanked him.

\* **Can you praise the Lord for all He did for us- so we might determine to please Him?**

1 Cor 10:5 "But with MANY of them God was not well pleased..."

**Conclusion:**

\* How can I please God?

1. **Give thanks!** Not just once, regularly. (Praise important)

2. **Get going...** ask yourself, "Where am I on this journey from Egypt to Promised Land?"

3. Maybe get saved?