

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1–13, TO THE CHURCH OF GOD

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry.”^[a] ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

^[a] Exodus 32:6

Discussion Questions (Choose a manageable number to discuss)

1. Pastor Josh Moody stated that the Corinthian church had become a reflection of Corinthian society morally as well as culturally. To what extent do College Church members reflect DuPage County society culturally?
How about morally?
2. Pastor Josh said we can tell that the world had permeated the Corinthian church because of its divisiveness, selfishness, sexual immorality, and pride. In what areas might an observer discern the world permeating the Wheaton church?
3. The Corinthian believers' behavior problem, Pastor Josh asserted, was a result of their worldview problem. What was Paul's prescription for correcting their worldview?
4. What are some prominent current attacks on the Bible?
Why does the Devil spend so much energy attacking Scripture?
5. What was the Corinthian believers' worldview problem?
How did rehearsing the exodus experience address this?
6. What could trip you up today from entering the Promised Land?
Why is relying on the faithfulness of God essential to ensuring that you do?
7. Pastor Josh launched his message by quoting playwright Oscar Wilde's witticism, “I can resist everything except temptation.” How does Bible teaching empower believers to resist temptation in our day?
8. Do you agree with Pastor Josh that Bible-teaching churches tend to be more morally upright than doctrinally liberal churches?
How is the Bible teaching you are currently absorbing changing how you think? . . .
How you feel? . . . How you conduct your life?
9. Pastor Josh called placing more emphasis on the sacraments as saving than on the Scriptures as transforming a big mistake. How does the current crisis in the Roman Catholic Church demonstrate this?
What dangers do relying on baptism, Communion, and church membership pose for us?
How about repetition of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer?
What allows these to become routine? . . . How can they be kept meaningful?