

1 Corinthians 10:14-33
"It's Time to be Holy"

"You will never glory in God till first of all God has killed your glorying in yourself." (Charles Spurgeon)

Introduction:

1 Corinthians 10:14, "Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry."

1. Rather than being harsh with them:
2. Paul wants them to understand that they must run far away from participating in anything that:
3. Paul wants them to understand that:
4. Paul wants them to understand that:

1 Corinthians 10:15-18, "I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?"

1. Paul treats the Corinthian church with dignity and respect by:
2. Paul reminds them that there is a:
3. Paul reminds them that we are renewing:
4. Paul reminds them that the Lord's Supper represents:
5. Paul reminds them that because of the unity we have in Christ:
6. Paul reminds them that even Israel's participation in eating the sacrifices:

1 Corinthians 10:19-22, "What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons.

You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?"

1. Paul reaffirms that the food itself that has been offered to idols:
2. What Paul does take issue with is that it wasn't just that the believers were eating food sacrificed to idols:
3. Paul lets us know that though the graven image of an idol may be nothing:
4. Paul makes it abundantly clear that as their spiritual authority:
5. Paul makes it abundantly clear that to eat and drink at the table of demons was:
6. Paul makes it abundantly clear that it is arrogant and sinful:
7. Paul makes it abundantly clear that we are:

1 Corinthians 10:23-26, "All things are lawful,' but not all things are helpful. 'All things are lawful,' but not all things build up. ²⁴ Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. ²⁵ Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶ For 'the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.'"

1. Being "free" to do something doesn't mean that:
2. One of the greatest acts of love we do for one another is:
3. Paul gives some very practical advice:

1 Corinthians 10:27-30, "If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.²⁸ But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹ I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? ³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?"

1. Paul does not forbid their going to a feast:
2. Paul lets them know that they are not to ask questions about the food:

3. Oftentimes things are shared with believers:

4. Oftentimes things are shared with believers because:

5. We cannot use the fact that we are thankful for something as:

1 Corinthians 10:31-33, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved."

1. It is the golden rule of the believer's conduct:

2. It pleases and honors God when we do everything we can to:

3. A believer gets his advice across with boldness and authority:

Conclusion: