

## REVIEW

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*Chapter 8: The front-end issue is food offered to idols - Should Christians eat food offered to idols. However, Paul does not deal with the issue directly though he introduced it at the beginning of the chapter. Instead, he dealt with the attitude of some of the believers @ Corinth, where they boasted in the knowledge that they had and acted in a loveless manner towards 'weaker' brethren in this matter. Paul calls them to view their 'weaker' brothers as those whom Christ has died for, and to fear lest by their insistence upon their rights, they cause these people to stumble!*

*Chapter 9: Paul gives a personal account of how he gave up his rights for the sake of the gospel. He is determined to do nothing that will hinder the gospel's advance. And in laying this before them, he is calling the Corinthian Christians to follow in his steps. What is crucial is the advance of the gospel, not our rights, our comforts, our enjoyment. Paul ends with these words in 9:26-27:*

*Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*

Now in Chapter 10, Paul continues and ends his instructions to these believers concerning this matter. This passage can be studied under three sections: (a) 10:1-14 (b) 10:15-22 and (c) 10:23-11:1.

**10:1-14**

Read verses 1-5. Who is Paul talking about in these 5 verses? What did they experience? What was their end? What relations/relevance do these people and their experience have with the Corinthian Christians and with us today?

Read verses 6-11. Paul referred to a number of incidents that the Israelites had in the wilderness. What are they?

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

**What's the root problem? What's the relevance of their wilderness encounters for Christians today? What's the link between verses 6-11 and verses 1-5?**

**What's the message of verse 12? To whom (do you think) it is addressed?**

**What's the message of verse 13? To whom (do you think) it is addressed?**

**What's the message of verse 14? To whom (do you think) it is addressed?**

**What is the overall message of these 14 verses?**

10:15-22

In these 8 verses, Paul refers to a New Testament ordinance (v16-17), an Old Testament ritual (v18) and then draws the implications for Christians concerning attendance at idol feasts (v19-22).

What's the New Testament ordinance? What's the message that Paul is seeking to convey by making reference to this ordinance?

What's the Old Testament ritual? What's the message?

The reason for citing the New Testament ordinance and Old Testament ritual is found in verses 19-22. What's Paul saying here?

10:23-11:1

Read verses 23-24. What does 'all things' mean? What's the message here? Here is a principle for Christian Living. What is it?

Verses 25-30 contain two examples. What are they? What's the lesson?

(a)

(b)

**10:31** ~ *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

**10:32** ~ *Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks, or to the church of God.*

**10:33** ~ *Just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.*

**11:1** ~ *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*

**Write Down One Lesson You Have Learnt:**