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“DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD”
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

INTRODUCTION

In this section Paul is still answering questions and resolving conflict in the body of Christ. The main divisive issue is that of liberties. The Holy Spirit is helping us look at this issue from every angle. With the severity of sin, God knows that we need assistance and a way of escape! One of the most important things for us is to run from idolatry! As in, “run for your life”! Why? So we can fully fellowship with Jesus! He is a jealous God!

WE ARE PARTAKERS WITH HIM!

Communion at the Lords table is part of fellowshiping or partaking with Him. The symbolism is all there. The cup of blessing represents that we have experienced the washing of our sins by His blood. With the bread we share thankfulness in that Jesus bore the judgment of our sins. This is part of our spiritual unity in the body of Christ. Even the O.T. priests had a similar union at the altar, **v.18**. In one way, the idol is nothing and the meat offered to it is nothing. Yet in another way, it is an offering to demons, **Lev. 17:7**. **“Then he (Israel) forsook God who made him, and scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger. They sacrificed to demons and not God, to gods they did not know...” Deut. 32:17**. Jesus wanted to deliver people from demons. Behind every false religion, Satan is there! Remember, if we are not for Him, we are against Him, **Matthew 12:30**.

HINDERANCES TODAY

With all the technical advancement, our nation is becoming more pagan! The paranormal is on the rise. Witchcraft is promoted and growing. Psychic services have increased, as well as the practice of astrology and yoga. (Yoga is more than exercise; it’s a form of Hindu worship. Hindus are shocked that Christians are even involved in yoga.) It is our responsibility as followers of Jesus to be good witnesses. Let’s not confuse people by being a blurry image of what a Christian is. Don’t participate in Christianity and something else that may be spiritually questionable.

CONSIDER

In our current culture, many Christians want to be known for their liberties. That’s not what Jesus has called us to. He wants us to deny ourselves and not to indulge ourselves. When we first came to Jesus, we got as far away from “the line” as possible. Why do we go backwards to get closer to it again. Have we left our first love? Has holiness lost its appeal? We all need a healthy view of Heaven! Let’s look to the Lord on the throne! (See **Isaiah 6** and **Revelation 4**.)

In **verse 24** the Lord again reminds us that all things are lawful, but not everything is profitable. He wants us to sacrifice our own desires for the sake of others.

While there is no need to look for trouble, if an issue is brought to our attention that may stumble others, let’s do what we can to prevent someone else from violating their own conscience. That’s what love is, care for the other person!

Paul didn’t want his liberty to conflict with the faith of another Christian. Follow Paul’s example, just as Paul followed Jesus! It’s up to each of us to be a good example! It is our job to **do all to the glory of God**.

In what ways do you think you may be getting too close to “the line”? Has anyone ever commented to you about that? How can you better your witness? Do you feel that your liberties are more important than the growth of another brother or sister in Christ? It’s always good to ponder what kind of example we are!

(All scripture quotations are NKJV).

PRAY

- * For the many that are sick in our body.
- * For our Christmas outreach to the community.
- * For the missionaries that we support and their children.
- * For our Christmas Presentation with the Calvary Chapel Choir on December 19th.