

1 Corinthians 27 – 10:16-33

To Partake or Not to Partake

1. 10:16-17 – Remember our Communion

- a. There's a real meal, and a real one time sacrifice, but this not is about either.
- b. Not about the ritual or the food, but about the communion - 2 Cor 6:14
- c. The blessing comes from communion of the body: 1 Cor 12:13, Eph 1:22, 2:15, 3:6
- d. They ate a meal together as a result of Christ's selflessness: a common union
- e. We all partake of that one bread – Gal 3:28, Col 3:11, Rom 12:5, Eph 3:9

2. 10:18-21 – Partaking and Communion

- a. He is talking specifically here about eating and fellowship – 1 Cor 8:4
- b. The priests ate the meat because they served God – Lev 6:26, Num 18:9-10
- c. The what is not important, the who and the why is – Deu 32:16-17, Psalm 106:37
- d. There are two tables (literally, and figuratively): devils rule this world 2 Cor 4:4
- e. Devils are religious, teach doctrines, and offer light – 2 Cor 11:14, 1 Tim 4:1, 5:15
- f. Who do you serve? Then do it! 1 Kings 18:21, Josh 24:14-15 vs. Rom 6:13-16

3. 10:22-23 – Some Things Not Profitable

- a. Oprah's problem verse is actually a reflection of God's love – Exo 20:5, 34:14
- b. God would be jealous in the same way a husband would be - Eph 5:26-27
- c. "All things are lawful" Rom 7:4, but not profitable to you (1 Cor 6:12) or others
- d. Some profitable things: Titus 3:8, 1 Tim 4:8, 4:15, 2 Tim 3:16

4. 10:24-30 – For Conscience Sake

- a. The profit is not for you but others – 10:24, Phil 2:4, 1 Cor 13:5, 9:18-22
- b. Therefore, 1 Cor 8:13, because what if they see you and stumble 1 Cor 8:10-11
- c. Why eat? Because all is the Lord's – Psa 24:1, 1 Tim 4:4
- d. Why don't eat? Because all [the other man] is the Lord's: 1 Tim 2:4, 1 Cor 9:22
- e. The conscience is not your good conscience, but the others – Rom 14:16-21
- f. Liberty is not impaired, but the weaker brother may be if you are not careful.

5. 10:31-33 – All to the Glory of God

- a. "whatsoever ye do" means doing what is right – Col 3:17, 23
- b. God is not glorified by your immature and offensive unprofitable behavior
- c. The work of God (the body) is destroyed by a lack of charity – 1 Cor 3:16-17, 8:12
- d. God's glory does not come by the boasting of your flesh – 1 Cor 1:29, Eph 2:9
- e. Glory to God comes when your flesh is made weak – 2 Cor 12:9-10, Phil 1:21
- f. Paul tries to please all men for their profit not their flesh – Rom 15:1-2, Gal 1:10