

Studies In First Corinthians

(I Corinthians 10:12-22)

1. Can overconfidence ultimately lead to one's fall from Christ?

Yes: *"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Corinthians 10:12).*

- **Proverbs 16:18, Obadiah 1-4, Matthew 26:31-35; 69-75, and Revelation 3:17-19.**

2. Has God equipped us to face all of the trials we face in this life?

Yes: *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13).*

- We don't face anything that others haven't faced and they maybe even more (**John 5:18-21, II Corinthians 11:23-28, II Timothy 3:12, James 5:10, and I Peter 5:8-9**).
- God has equipped us to face it all (**Ephesians 6:10-17 and II Timothy 3:15-17**).
- Without any MIRACLE involved, we have ways to escape the things we face (**Acts 4:34-37, Acts 11:27-30, II Corinthians 7:5-6, Philippians 2:25, and I Thessalonians 5:11**). Paul serves as an example that this promise is not something involving God's direct touch (**II Corinthians 12:7-9**).

3. Should we keep our distance from idolatry?

Yes: *"Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry" (I Corinthians 10:14).*

- As discussed earlier in this chapter (**I Corinthians 10:7**), we need to steer clear of idolatry (**I John 5:21**).
- You cannot go to Heaven while being involved in idolatry (**Galatians 5:19-21 and Revelation 21:8**).

4. Did Paul want the Corinthians to examine what he was teaching?

Yes: *"I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say" (I Corinthians 10:15).*

- He didn't say he is speaking to wise men (cf. **I Corinthians 6:5**). He said "as to wise men".
- Of course he wants them to judge what he has said (**Acts 17:10-11, I Corinthians 14:37, and I Thessalonians 5:21**).

5. What is communion?

The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine: *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ” (I Corinthians 10:16)?*

- The bread and fruit of the vine (**Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, and Luke 22:14-20**).
- The communion [fellowship] is in partaking TOGETHER (**Acts 20:7**).

6. Who, in the current context we are studying, is the one bread and one body?

We are the one body of/in Christ: *“For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread” (I Corinthians 10:17).*

- **Romans 12:4-5, I Corinthians 12:12, and Colossians 3:15.**

7. If you were to knowingly eat of a sacrifice offered to an idol are you able to separate yourself from that idolatrous practice?

No: *“(18) Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? (19) What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? (20) But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils” (I Corinthians 10:18-20).*

- **Joshua 7:1-25, Joshua 22:20, Ephesians 5:11, I Timothy 5:22, and II John 9-11.**

8. Can you partake of the Lord’s table and the table of demons at the same time?

No: *“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils” (I Corinthians 10:21).*

- **Ezekiel 20:39, Matthew 6:24, and II Corinthians 6:14-18; cf. I Kings 18:21.**

9. Answer this two-part question posed by Paul: *“Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he” (I Corinthians 10:22)?*

- No, you do not want to make God jealous (**Deuteronomy 32:15-29**).
- No, we are not stronger than God (**Job 40:1-14 and Isaiah 45:9-11**).
- These two questions are being asked because if you practice idolatry or associate with it, you are provoking God (**Deuteronomy 32:16-17**).