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**DAILY BIBLE STUDIES**

*“Idol’s & The Lord’s Table”*

**1 Corinthians 10:14-22**

*MAY 27 – June 2, 2007*

**THE LORD'S DAY** –This week as we take a break from our study in **1 Peter** we are going to return to have another study in our Lord’s Table Sermon Series. We are going to look at a text we spoke from some time ago but this time we want to see in it the subject of “Idolatry”. Paul addresses this topic from our passage and shows how this sin of idolatry is tied to the Lord’s Table. Read our text: **1 Corinthians 10:14-22**.

*What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week, and to help you see if there is any idolatry in your life to be repented of.*

**MONDAY** –We should define from the beginning what “Idolatry” is. Many definitions have been given for it but let me try to add one more. Idolatry is a worshipping of ANYTHING other than the one true God. It is anything that takes away from the deserved adoration belonging only to God Himself. Anything that a person loves or adores more than God is an idol. When honor due to God alone is given to any of His creation or creatures; you have idolatry going on. Idolatry says in essence that the Lord is “deficient” and that He is not enough to satisfy a person and must be supplemented with something else. As we will see this week Idolatry is not isolated to the pagan jungles but it is rampant in our society and tragically within the professing Church of Jesus Christ as well. Read the first two of the Ten Commandments: **Exodus 20:1-6**.

*What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Ask the Holy Triune God to help you understand what Idolatry is and to help you adore and worship only Him alone.*

**TUESDAY** –In our text in **1 Corinthians 10** we find Paul issues a command in **verse 14**. He says *...flee from idolatry...*” Even before he explains it or defines it he warns them of the dangers of it by telling them

Lord's Day	Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)
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first and foremost, “flee...” Paul then says later in **verse 15** the people are to hear him and “*judge for yourselves what I say*”. He is saying that the truth he is about to share with them can’t be understood and “*judged*” correctly by people participating in idolatry; so “*flee*” it. Men become “fools” when they participate in idolatry and a Christian who has idols in his life; taking the place reserved for God alone is first in a dangerous place; but also he is in no place to discern or judge anything else with wisdom. Read **Romans 1:20-25**.

*What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to help you truly be wise & worship Him alone & not be a fool; worshipping as He has said, “the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever, Amen”.*

**WEDNESDAY** –In **verses 16-17** of our text Paul explains The Lord’s Table. You may remember we looked at this text from a prior lesson entitled “The Union in Communion”. We will see later in the week how the idolatry issue relates to The Lord’s Table. In **verse 17** Paul tells us that we also have communion and shared fellowship with all true believers who partake at The Table with us. He says that although we are “*many*” we are actually “*one bread*” and “*one body*” for we “*all partake of that one bread*”. He is not saying that all those who merely partake of the Lord’s Supper are unified and one body. It is all those who by faith believe and actually have “eaten and drank” (**John 6:43-58**) of Christ by faith that are actually united. It is because we partake by faith of “*that one bread*” (Christ) we are one. We find our union together by finding our union with Christ. That is the only source of true unity. Read **Romans 8:9-11, 1 Corinthians 6:17, 19-20, 12:13**.

*What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Dear God, help me to realize that I have shared life and union with Christ and my fellow brethren. May I remember at Your Table the sacrifice of You Jesus that made that union possible.*

**THURSDAY** –In **verse 18** Paul uses an illustration from the Old Testament regarding sacrifices. All those who ate of the sacrifice identified with it and showed their obedience toward God in this act of worship (**Leviticus 7:15-18, 22:29-30**). Those who participated and ate of the sacrifice were the ones who identified themselves as being united with God and with each other. We as believers gather together around The Lord’s Table and partake of it to proclaim Jesus death and celebrate the shared life we have with Him and with each other. As we will see tomorrow this is no time or place to be coming to

while we are serving or worshipping “idols” over Christ. Read **John 17:20-23, Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 4:4-6**.

*What principles in these verses are applicable to my life today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Pray that God would help you to be more aware, concerned, and serving toward the other parts of His and “your” body.*

**FRIDAY** –In **verses 19-20** Paul makes the point that “idols” have no Spiritual power or nature in and of themselves. They are nothing of themselves; but they represent demonic and satanic power which is very real. I know we may not have carved images of false gods in our homes but the worship of our “idols” is just as sinful and demonic as the bowing down before a wood god. Remember we said that anything that takes the place of the rightful worship of the only true God is idolatry. There are a lot of things disguised as hobbies, recreation, family, entertainment, furniture, food, automobiles, homes, tools (and the list could go on and on) that are therefore actually idols and promote idolatry in our lives. May we beware of things that rob God of His rightful place. Read **1 John 2:15-17**.

*What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: God please help me to enjoy the life You have given to me while keeping all things in their place—below You.*

**SATURDAY** –I have but little space to finish today and we will continue this tomorrow morning Lord willing. I want to close by reminding you that at The Lord’s Table we so beautifully demonstrate and exhibit the union we have in Christ. Idols in our lives so conflict and are so inconsistent with that beautiful picture that we must be careful to put to death all the things that rob God of His deserved glory. May we come to the Table of the Lord placing nothing above Him. Remember, God, not the world, must have first place in the Christian’s life. Read **Matthew 10:37-39, Philippians 3:20**.

*What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Dear God, help me to put nothing before You in my life. Help me to see the folly of loving things rather than You with all my heart. Help me find the strength for application from Your Word and You Holy Spirit.*