

Privileged yet Castaway

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Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
2. “Moreover” is a transition word and it connects the above thoughts with what Paul is saying in this section.
3. The call in these section is for Christians to be disciplined or in self control
4. Paul is reminding them of how God dealt with His chosen people in the past.
 - a. Because they might have been of God’s blessed does not mean that they would have automatic success.
 - b. They were His blessed people but they were disciplined, disqualified and were dead!
 - c. Thus this is the reason for self-discipline
5. If we do not learn from history we are destined to repeat it; Paul does not want them to repeat history but learn from the mistakes of others.
6. Let us learn that God does take care of His people, and that does not mean that they are not disciplined.

II Discussion

1. God’s providential care for His people
 - a. The cloud by day and pillar by night Exodus 13:20-22; 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10
 - b. The cloud and pillar guided and protected God’s People
 - c. God is with His people Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5-6
 - d. We have His Word to guide us Psalm 119:105, 130; Matthew 4:4
2. Baptism of Moses
 - a. Out of bondage into freedom
 - b. The Corinthians were baptized Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 12:13
 - c. We have crossed over from bondage to freedom Romans 6:3-18,20,22
3. The diet
 - a. They were given manna to eat Exodus 16:14-15
 - b. This is called angels’ food Psalm 78:25
 - c. Jesus is the Bread of Life which came down from heaven John 6:32-35
4. The drink
 - a. God provided them with water Exodus 15:22; 17:17; Numbers 20:1-3
 - b. The Rock was Christ – showing the preexistence or pre-incarnate Christ
 - c. The verb “drink” is in the imperfect tense and shows their continual access to the supernatural source of supply.
 - d. There was a rabbin legend that the water actually followed the Israelites for 40 years, in one form a fragment of rock 15 feet high that followed the people and gushed out water
5. God was displeased with them
 - a. The AVS has “Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased.”
 - b. Many or most only 2 were saved
 - c. They were “overthrown” this word is used to illustrate the destruction of a hurricane. A powerful picture of the desolation
6. These were for our examples
 - a. This is the word for type.
 - b. Many events in the Old Testament were types Hebrews 10:1-4
 - c. Illustrations are used to show what to be done and what not to be done; both are used in these verse

III Conclusion

1. Let us learn and know and feel confident that God will take care of us, if we will follow Him.
2. We must discipline ourselves from being disqualified from following
3. Are you following the Lord?
4. Why not? There are blessing to be had when one does
5. Have you followed but quit, then start again

Sources: A.T. Robertson Word Studies; Bible Knowledge Commentary; Commentary on 1 Corinthians by Allen; Greek P. C. Study; MSOP lecture 2007