

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

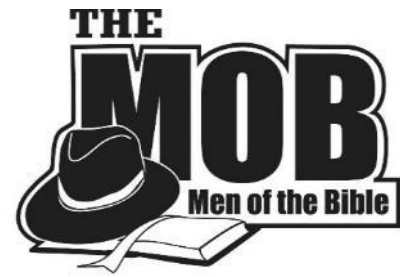
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

- Men of the Bible: www.ibcmob.net
- IBC Women's Conference
- Easter Concerts 11 - 13 April
- April 13th Palm Sunday
- April 20th Easter Sunday
- CREDO conference 1-2 May



Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord

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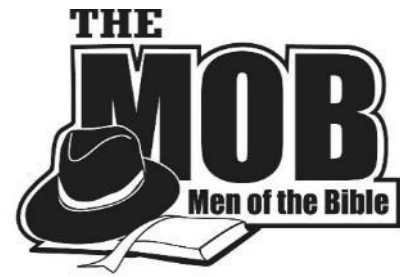
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak O Lord

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Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

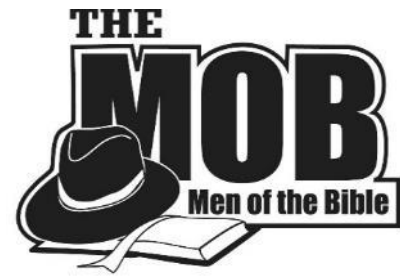
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Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Memory Verse



1 Cor 10:31 (ESV)

**³¹ So, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do, do all to the glory of
God.**

1 Cor 10:31 (ESV)

Our 1 Corinthians Study

Last Meeting:

- First Corinthians 10:1-13
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13
- *Reading: Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 174-182; MacArthur pp. 217-230*
- Refreshment Host - A

This Meeting:

- **First Corinthians 10:14 to 11:1**
- **Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31**
- ***Reading: Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 182-192; MacArthur pp. 231-249***
- **Refreshment Host - B**

1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1				4:21				5:1				6:20				7:1				16:4																			
Divisions	Report of Divisions				Reason for Divisions				Incest				Litigation Between Believers				Sexual Immorality				Counsel Concerning: Marriage				Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols				Counsel Concerning: Public Worship				Counsel Concerning: Resurrection				Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem			
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24																				
Topics	Divisions in the Church								Disorder in the Church								Difficulties in the Church																							
	Concern								Condemnation																Counsel															
Place	Written in Ephesus																				You are here!																			
Time	circa A.D. 56																																							

Section 1

The Truth About Idolatry

Flee - 10:14-15

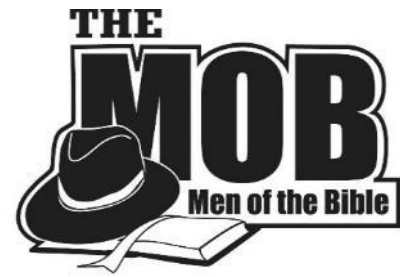
Idolatry is Inconsistent – 10:16-18

Idolatry is Demonic – 10:19-21

Idolatry is Offensive to the Lord – 10:22

Section 2

Using Christian Freedom



Edification over Gratification – 10:23

Others Over Self – 10:24

Liberty Over Legalism – 10:25-27

Condescension Over Condemnation – 10:28-30

Purpose of Christian Freedom – 10:31-32

Pattern of Christian Freedom – 10:33-11:1

Flee - 10:14-15

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.

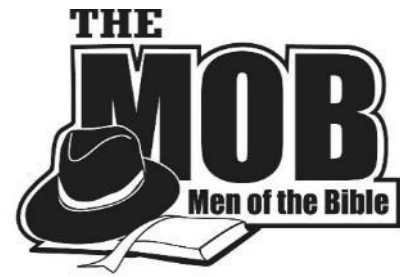
- 1 John 5:21
- 1 Corinthians 8:5
- Romans 1:21-23
- “Idolatry is worshiping something other than the true God in the true way, it is the most serious and contaminating of sins.” – MacArthur
- Any object, idea, philosophy, habit, occupation, sport or anything else that commands your loyalty or takes the place of God in your heart.
- Acts 17:29
- The golden calf in Exodus.

Idolatry is Inconsistent – 10:16-18

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?

- Cup of Blessing – The third cup of the Passover.
 - Final testimony of thanksgiving.
 - May have been the cup Christ used to indicate his blood.
- Communing with the Lord and with His people.
 - Communion
- Participation an indication of fellowship.
- A celebration of a common spiritual experience.
- The Bread (*artos* – One Loaf) and the Wine symbolize the body and blood of Christ.
- Symbolizes unity with Christ and His sacrifice.
- In the OT, some of the sacrifice was eaten by priests.

Idolatry is Demonic – 10:19-21



¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

- The sacrifice to idols and the idol are nothing.
- There is meaning behind them.
 - Idols represent what is demonic and cultic.
- Sacrifices to Idols are sacrifices to demons.
 - Involves worship of demons.
- Then partaking in sacrifices to idols is drinking the cup of demons.
 - A command – “You cannot drink...”
 - We cannot serve two masters.
 - “What the Lord promotes and what the demons promote are opposite.” - Constable
- 2 John 10-11

Idolatry is Offensive to the Lord

10:22

²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

- The Decalogue – No other Gods before me.
- Offensive to God.
- Jeremiah 25: 6,9
- Revelation 21:8
- The Corinthians wanted to attend pagan religious meals.
- Viewed the pagan temple attendance as a way to strengthen the weaker brother.
- Deuteronomy 32 – The Judgement

23 “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

- The Gray areas of Christian life.
- A Corinthian Slogan – “All Things are Lawful.”
- “Build up” – *oikodomeo* – “to build a house.”
 - Can mean Spiritual Growth.
- “Helpful” – Only things that are “helpful” will “build up.”
- Tools to help us grow in Christ.
 - The Word
 - Preaching and teaching
 - Love
 - Obedient service
- Christian maturity is evidenced by “Building up.”
- This is Paul’s purpose in these verses.

24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.

- Contrary to human nature we should be concerned with our neighbor.
- The exercise of our Christian liberties is secondary.
- Concerned with our own rights that causes others to suffer.
- Philippians 2:3-4

²⁵ Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶ For “the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.” ²⁷ If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

- The standards of others should not rule our lives.
 - We should be concerned with them but not accept their standards.
- Psalm 24:1
- 1 Timothy 4:4-5
- If eating idol food doesn't bother you then enjoy!
- Not a question of Kosher or non-Kosher.
- This idea was hard for Jewish Christians to accept.



²⁸ But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience ²⁹ I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience? ³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

- Give up your liberty so that the weaker person’s conscience is not offended.
- “The legalism of a weaker brother should not make us legalistic, only gracious.” – MacArthur
- Choose not to eat the food that offends the weaker brother.
- Is the pagan testing the Christian?
- Or just informing the Christian?

Purpose of Christian Freedom

10:31-32

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,

- This verse is the goal of this section.
- All you do should be for the glory of God!
- “Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God.” – MacArthur
- That is, put no obstacle before a person to hinder them from coming to faith.
- Imperatives:
 - Do for the glory of God
 - Give no offense
 - A wide net

Pattern of Christian Freedom

10:33-11:1

³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. ¹Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

- Follow Paul's example.
- His goal – to bring people to salvation.
- Imperative - Be an imitator of Paul as he is an imitator of Christ.
- Philippians 2:5-8
- In conclusion of this section:
 - Balance knowledge with love – Chapter 8
 - Balance authority with discipline – Chapter 9
 - Balance your experience with caution – 10:1-22
 - Balance your freedom with responsibility – 10:23-33

Conclusion

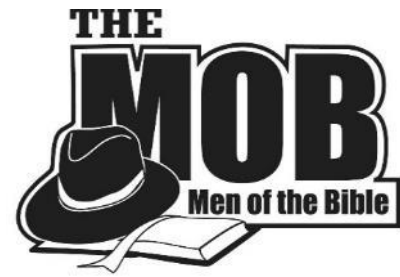
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Christian Freedom

God's Glory

Discussion & Application

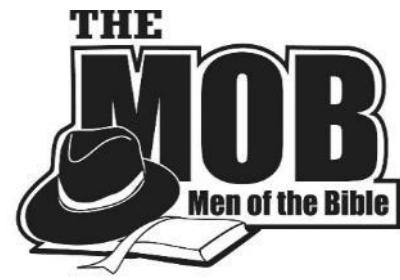
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- Why does the apostle Paul write that he's "speaking to his beloved brethren" (the Corinthians) in this passage, "as to the wise"?
- What's your understanding of the sin of "idolatry," and why might this be "the most serious and condemnatory sin of all sins" (according to MacArthur)?
- What does a believer's participation in the "Lord's Supper" symbolize, according to this passage?
- What is the "cup of blessing" referred to, in verse 16, and how was it used by Jesus at the "last supper" (in Luke 22:17-20), and by the Jews at other times, and by believers today in celebrating the Lord's Supper?
- What, and with whom, does this passage say we "share" when we participate in the Lord's Supper?
- Why is the "Lord's Supper" sometimes referred to as a "Communion Service"?

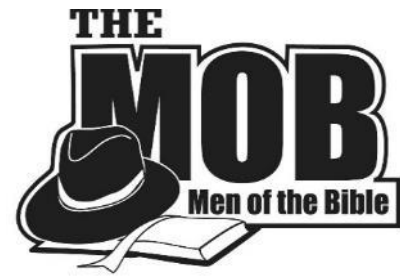
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- How does Paul compare believers “partaking of the table of the Lord” with the pagan Gentiles “partaking of the table of demons”?
- Why does Paul command the Corinthian believers not to participate in the pagan feasts?
- What does this passage say (again!) about how the Christian should use his (or her) “liberty in Christ,” and does it change in any way your understanding about “eating meat offered to idols”?
- What does this passage indicate should be the key underlying factor in determining how to use our liberty?
- What should the motivation and “driving force” for us in “whatever we do” as followers of Christ, according to this passage?
- What important thing “struck you most” about this lesson, and what will you take with you?

Next Meeting 1/28



Review

- 1 Cor 10:14-11:1
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 10:31
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 230-249; *MacArthur*, pp. 231-249

Next Week

- 1 Cor 11:2 to 11:16
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 11:3
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 193-209; *MacArthur*, pp. 251-263.
- Refreshment Host: Group C

Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

