

I Corinthians 10:1-11

3 Admonitions Of Christian  
Liberty



# Background

- Letter written by Paul to believers in Greek city of Corinth
- Paul founded church; 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary trip
- Wrote letter (56 AD) while serving in Ephesus
- 2nd half of Chapter 8 and all of Chapter 9: Christian freedom has impact on others
- Chapter 10: Christian liberty influences believers and their nation
- Misuse of liberty can cause great harm

# Present Christian Liberty Is Not Guaranteed By Past Privileges

- (vv.1-5) Paul reminding Cor. Christianity is a relationship, not just rule-keeping
- Uses example of Israel being delivered from Egypt (just because people experienced special favor from God in past didn't mean there guarantee it would continue)
- Jewish people experienced miracles and physical blessings, but weren't devoted to Blesser
- (v.5) Time of obedience/devotion for Israel, failed: led to wandering in wilderness

- Proverbs 13:34, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”
- Matt. 3:8-10, “Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.”



# Christian Liberty Is Not An Excuse For License

- (vv.6-10) Paul; there important lessons to learn from Exodus
- Jewish people set free, but used freedom for selfishness and wickedness; used liberty to commit sin and rebel against God
- People; worshipped golden calf, committed terrible evil with Moabite women, complained so much and so ungrateful Lord had to discipline
- Instead of moving toward Lord, they moved toward evil

- Romans 6:1-2, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”



# Christian Liberty Is Not To Be Taken For Granted

- (v.11) Paul urges believers to not abuse liberty; be careful when using and guard
- There be attacks against; must be protected and treasured
- “upon whom the ends of the ages has come” Paul’s way saying; we connected to those Jewish followers; they at the beginning, we at the end, what will our testimony be?
- We are just as susceptible to failing as they were; or we can use liberty for Kingdom work

- Galatians 5:1, “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”



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# Ronald Reagan 40<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

- “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.”

