

1 Corinthians 10

1. What is the example of Christ for us all?

-Jesus emptied Himself and filled Himself up with the Father.

-Jesus gave His life so that others would live.

2. As Christians, how can we be content in this world?

-We will only be content when we empty ourselves of ourselves, and fill ourselves up with Christ.

3. When the Word of God teaches us that the head of the woman is man, does this mean that men and women are not equal?

-No.

-Before God, women are just as important as men, and also have been created in the same image of God as men.

4. What does it mean that man is the image and glory of God?

-That God created man using the image and glory of God.

5. What does it mean that a woman is the glory of man?

-That God created woman using the image and glory of man.

6. When the Word of God teaches us that woman was created for man, does this mean that the woman is the man's slave?

-No.

-It means that God created the woman to be a helper and a friend to the man, to share happiness and sadness while under his care and protection.

7. Even though God has chosen men to have authority over women, does this mean that men are independent of women?

-No. We both need one other.

8. What was the problem with the Lord's Supper in Corinth?

-Instead of honoring Christ and His church, the Corinthian Christians were dishonoring Christ and His church.

9. What is the purpose of the Lord's Supper?

-1) To remember Christ's death on the cross, and to thank Him for saving us from sin and death.

-2) To remind us that we are all one family because of the death of Christ on the cross.

10. Why did the Lord Jesus teach us to take bread, break it, and then eat it?

-Because the bread is a sign of Christ's broken body on the cross which He gave to save us.

11. Why did the Lord Jesus teach us to take a cup, and drink it?

-Because the wine is a sign of Christ's blood on the cross which He gave to save us.

12. Before we celebrate the Lord's Supper, what should we do?

-Examine ourselves.

13. For what are we examining ourselves?

-We examine ourselves to remember our sins so that we can repent of the sin in our lives.

-We also examine ourselves to remember any sins against our family of Christ.

14. How did the Lord discipline some of the Corinthian Christians for their disrespect?

-He allowed them to become sick and some of them died.

-In chapters 12-14, God through Paul talks about the problem of spiritual gifts.

-As we already learned, 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12 are the major lists of spiritual gifts.

-And Ephesians 4 as well as 1 Peter 4 are the minor lists of spiritual gifts.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:1-2

1-Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

2-You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

-Before the Christians in Corinth believed in Christ, what

led them astray?

-Idols.

-Can idols control anyone?

-No. Idols have no life nor any power.

-Who is it that controls people through idols?

-Satan and his demons.

-Who controlled all of us before we believed in Christ?

-Satan and his demons.

-Who are the spirits that people fear and try to satisfy, thinking that they were their ancestors?

-Satan and his demons.

-How do Satan and his demons control our lives?

-Through fear and lies.

-Does God control His children like Satan and his demons control people?

-No.

-God waits for us to freely choose to give Him control.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:3

3-Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

-It seems that some Corinthians in the church were saying “Jesus be cursed,” yet telling everyone that they were speaking by the Spirit of God.

-It is impossible for the Holy Spirit to curse Jesus.

-How could any of the Christians in Corinth curse Jesus, yet say that they were speaking by the Holy Spirit?

-One answer is that these people were not Christians, but were taking part in the worship in the church.

-The other answer is that these people were Christians, but were deceived by Satan.

-Is it possible for Christians to be deceived by Satan?

-Yes.

-Satan and his demons work hard trying to deceive Christians.

-In church as well, Satan and his demons work hard, trying to defile the worship of God’s people.

-To defile means to take what is good and turn it into bad.

-To defile means to take what is pure and turn it into impure or rotten.

-Because Satan and his demons do not want us to

worship God, what do they try to do?

-They try to defile our worship.

-Because Satan and his demons know that our spiritual gifts are very important, what do they try to do?

-They try to pervert the gifts that God has given us.

-Beginning in verse 4, God and Paul teach us that all Christians are one in Christ, but we have different gifts.

Let’s read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4-There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5-There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

6-There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7-Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

-The church was begun by the Lord Jesus Christ, and belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Jesus is the Head of the church, and He has given spiritual gifts to every member of the church, that is, every Christian.

-Why has the Lord Jesus given spiritual gifts to every

Christian?

- To help us all to grow in our belief in Christ.
- To help us all to reach out to the lost.
- To help us all to be a strong part of the family of Christ.

-Jesus has given us spiritual gifts that we may be one family in Christ, but Satan tries to divide us.

-Regarding spiritual gifts, how does Satan try to divide the family of Christ?

-By causing us to misunderstand why God has given these spiritual gifts to us.

-If we understand that God has given us spiritual gifts to grow our belief in Christ, then it will be difficult for Satan to divide us.

-If we understand that God has given us spiritual gifts to reach out to the lost, then it will be difficult for Satan to stop us from reaching the lost.

-If we understand that God has given us spiritual gifts to be one family in Christ, it will be difficult for Satan to divide us.

-If all Christians in all of the world were all one family, Satan would have no place to work.

-God has given us different kinds of gifts for different

kinds of service for different kinds of working.

-Did God give us different gifts so that we boast about ourselves and our gifts?

-No.

-Why did God give all of us different gifts?

-For the common good, so that we could serve God and serve others.

-No gift is more important than another.

-All of the gifts are important.

-If someone says one gift is more important than another, they are wrong.

-What are the two groups of spiritual gifts?

-The first group are permanent gifts which God gives to all Christians.

-The second group are temporary gifts which God gave to the apostles and a few others to begin His church.

-Why did God use temporary gifts to begin His church?

-Because the Bible was not yet complete, and God wanted the world to know that the teaching and the miracles of the apostles were from God Himself.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:8

8-To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

- What is the gift of the message of wisdom?
- To understand God's will that we may do His will.
- The gift of the message of wisdom is a permanent gift that God gives to all Christians.
- What is the gift of the message of knowledge?
- To understand God's truths that we might teach His Word to others.
- The gift of the message of knowledge is a permanent gift that God gives to all Christians.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:9

9-To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

- What is the gift of faith?
- To trust God in the middle of our difficulties in life.
- The gift of faith is a permanent gift that God gives to all Christians.
- What is the gift of healing?

-To heal sickness and death immediately.

-The gift of healing was a temporary gift that God gave to the apostles and a few others to help begin the church.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:10

10-to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

- What is the gift of miraculous powers?
- To perform miracles.
- The gift of miraculous powers was a temporary gift that God gave to the apostles and a few others to help begin the church.
- What is the gift of prophecy?
- To speak God's Word to others.
- The gift of prophecy is a permanent gift that God gives to all Christians.
- What is the gift of distinguishing between spirits?
- The gift of distinguishing between spirits is a permanent gift that God gives to all Christians.
- What is the gift of speaking in different tongues?

-To speak another known language that you have never learned.

-The gift of speaking in different tongues was a temporary gift that God gave to His apostles and a few others to begin His church.

-What is the gift of the interpretation of tongues?

-To understand another known language that you have never learned.

-The gift of the interpretation of tongues was a temporary gift that God gave to the apostles and a few others to begin His church.

-We will study more of these last two gifts in Chapter 14.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 2:11

11-All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

-Do we Christians choose our spiritual gifts?

-No.

-God alone decides our spiritual gifts which He gives us.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:12

12-Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

-How are our physical bodies like the Body of Christ?
-Our physical bodies have many parts, yet are one body.

-The Body of Christ also has many parts, yet is one Body.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 2:13

13-For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

-How were all Christians joined to Christ as one body?

-The Holy Spirit baptized us into Christ when we believed in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's read Corinthians 12:14-20

14-Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15-Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

16-And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

17-If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

18-But in fact God has placed the parts in the

body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

19-If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20-As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

-Even though we Christians have different gifts and different work, no Christian is unimportant.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:21-27

21-The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

22-On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

23-and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

24-while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

25-so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

26-If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. The body is not made up of one part but of many.

27-Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

-In the church, there are people who think that they do

not need other Christians.

-This is wrong.

-These people think that their spiritual gifts are so important that they don't need other Christians.

-This is wrong.

-Just as the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Christians cannot say to others in the church, "I don't need you!"

-Also in the church are people who think that no one needs them.

-This is also wrong.

-These people think that they have no spiritual gifts, and they do nothing, letting the other Christians do the work.

-This is also wrong.

-Just as the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are impossible to replace, Christians in the church who seem to be weaker are impossible to replace.

-Is it important if you cut off your little finger?

-Yes.

-Is it important if you lose just one eye?

-Yes.

-Is it important if you lose only one ear?

-Yes.

-You cannot see your heart, but if your heart stops, then

you die.

-You cannot see your lungs, but if your lungs stop, then you die.

-Even though these are small parts of our bodies, if we would lose them, our whole body would suffer.

-The same is true of the church of Christ.

-All parts are important, and if we lose even one part, then all of the church suffers.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

28-And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

29-Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

30-Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

-At the end of this chapter, God through Paul writes once more some of the spiritual gifts that God gives.

-Why does the Word of God ask us these questions?

-We need to be reminded that God has given everyone different gifts.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:31

31-Now [you] eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

-With this verse, some people think that God is asking us to desire or search for the greater gifts.

-We have already learned, however, that God alone decides the gifts that He gives us, that we cannot choose our gifts, and that we should not search for other gifts.

-Why should we not search for other spiritual gifts?

-Because God has already given to all Christians the gifts that He has planned for them.

-Because God has already given to all Christians the gifts which will work best for God's kingdom.

-God is not asking us to desire the greater gifts, for all gifts are important and necessary before God.

-Instead, God is telling the Corinthians that there is a most excellent way.

-What is the most excellent way that we should desire?

-That all Christians would be content with that which God has given us and be one family in Christ, having love for one another.