

Look and Live
A Series on the Cross
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PART III: THE N. T. APPLICATION OF THE TYPE (PAUL IN 1 Cor. 10)

A Warning from the Past

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

INTRODUCTION:

REVIEW: From last week (4/29/12)

- I. **The Privileges [Of the Children of Israel] (1 Cor. 10:1-4)**
 - Paul begins by pointing out blessings that were universally true for the Israelites in the wilderness.
 - But his point is that these signs did not guarantee arrival in the Promised Land.
- A. **The Direction That Was Presented (1 Cor. 10:1; Ex. 13:21-22; Ps. 119:105, 130; 2 Pet. 1:19)**
 - Israel enjoyed the privilege of God's guidance.
- B. **The Deliverance That Was Produced (cf., Ex. 14; Lam. 3:22)**
- C. **The Declaration That Was Pictured (1 Cor. 10:2)**
 - The children of Israel were identified with God's crowd when they were covered by the cloud of God's presence.
 - They were identified with Moses when they chose to step down off the shore of the Red Sea and to do what the old spiritual song says, "Step into the water."
- D. **The Diet That Was Provided (1 Cor. 10:3-4a; cf., Ex. 16 and 17; Num. 20)**
 - God was meeting their daily needs.
- E. **The Deity That Was Present (1 Cor. 10:4)**
 - Christ is said to have been present with them!
- II. **The Perception (1 Cor. 10:5a; Zech. 1:2; Ps. 19:14; Heb. 11:5; 13:16)**
 - With all of the benefits that they enjoyed from God ...
 - Yet they did not please God!
- III. **The Punishment (1 Cor. 10:5b; Num. 14:28-35)**
 - There is a warning here for us.

THE APPLICATION FOR POINTS I, II AND III.

- I believe in the wonderful doctrine of eternal security.
 - But it is the security of the true believer, not the intellectual assenter.
 - I believe that God's sheep have eternal life, that no one is able to pluck them from the Father's hand.
 - But that is for sheep, not goats.
 - And sheep "hear his voice" and sheep "follow him." (John 10)
 - A person may ...
- 1) May say that he is a believer. (John 1:6)
 - One may say that he is a Christian, but there is a vast difference between saying and being. (1 John 1:6)
 - 2) May believe in God. (James 2:19)
 - One may believe in the existence of a supernatural being, even God, even Jehovah and yet be lost. (James 2:19)
 - 3) May be baptized. (Acts 2:41; Jn. 4:1-2)
 - One may be baptized in a great church by a great preacher, and still be lost. (Acts 2; Jn. 4:1-2)
 - 4) May believe that Jesus is the Savior. (Jn. 2:23-24)
 - One may believe that Jesus is God's Son, that He is the Savior, and yet not be born again.
 - 5) May take Communion. (2 Peter 1:4)
 - One may partake of the Lord's Supper, say a prayer of repentance and even think about the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, and yet be lost. (2 Peter 1:4)
 - 6) May be listed on the church role. (Rev. 20:15; Jn. 2:19)
 - Yes, one may have their name on the church role, but not have their names written in Heaven. (Rev. 20:15; Jn. 2:19)
 - 7) May be a great worker. (Mt. 7:22-23)
 - One may do great works for God, but one day hear that God never knew them. (Mt. 7:22-23)

- 8) May do great works of charity. (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
- Yes, one may do great works of charity, but not have the love of God in their heart. (1 Cor. 13:1-3 below)
- 9) May have a form of spiritual gifts. (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
- Some may apparently exercise apparent spiritual gifts, but have not the Spirit of God living inside. (1 Cor. 13:1-3 below)
- 10) May die a martyr. (1 Cor. 13:1-3; Mt. 23:15)
- One may even die as a martyr of the faith, but face spiritual death for all eternity because we have never truly died to self! (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS:

ILLUS: There are heavenly hobos, riding the train to Heaven without a ticket. They are going through the same towns, seeing the same pastures, riding the same rails, but subject to being discovered as a fake and at any moment being cast off the train before the destination. Friends, being on the train and arriving at the destination are two very different things!

- In preaching an eternal security for anyone who professes faith we have deceived millions.
- We have filled our churches with lost people.
- We have given false hope and false confidence to professing Christians who show no evidence of faith!
- This is a must be corrected!

QUOTE: Any decision for Christ that does not result in a disciple of Christ is not a conversion to Christ but is a delusion about Christ! (Luther Price)