

A Look at Corinthians Production Notes

1 Corinthians 10:1-6 NLT

I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. ²In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. ³All of them ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did,

- **Egypt represents sin and bondage. Sin is anything that interrupts our relationship with God or comes before our relationship with God.**

A river brings new life.

- **While some things God gives us are meant to be enjoyed, they aren't meant to be played with.**

Paul is challenging Corinth to stop playing church and start being the church.

We live in a society that values charisma over character, and the dynamic over discipleship.

- **The proof that somebody has the spirit of God living in them *should* be what Galatians calls the fruit of the spirit, it starts with love and ends in self-control.**

Galatians 5:22-23a NLT

²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control.

You cannot come to the altar and get a quick prayer for self-control.

Self-control is what the Corinthian church lacked. They had the gifts, they had the popularity, they had everything that looked good on the outside, but there was also a lot of sin in the church.

1 Corinthians 5:9-11 NLT

⁹ When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. ¹⁰ But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. ¹¹ I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer^[a] yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 NLT

¹² It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. ¹³ God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."

- **The Church is supposed to be a family that is governed by love and self-control.**

Galatians 6:1 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer^[a] is overcome by some sin, you who are godly^[b] should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

Matthew 7:24-27 NLT

²⁴ "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

- **Sand - a loose granular material that results from the disintegration of rocks**