

1 CORINTHIANS: LESSON 24

Chapter 10:

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HOW "SOME" INFLUENCE "MANY"

"ALL" the Israelites came out of Egypt (the world), went through the Red Sea (vss 1-2, baptism), drank of the same spiritual Rock (vs 4, type of Christ, John 4:14), ate of the same spiritual meat (vs 3, manna: Jesus Christ, John 6:33-35, 50-51).

"MANY" (all, but Caleb and Joshua, Num. 14:30) were overthrown in the wilderness because they did not please God (vs 5).

- Some were idolaters (vs 7).
- Some were fornicators (vs 8).
- Some tempted Christ (vs 9). They were flaunting open sin right in the eyes of GOD; daring the Lord to do anything about it. "Flaunting" = a showy open display like a gay pride parade.
- Some murmured (vs. 10).

In the midst of the "all" who were on their way to the Promised Land, "SOME" were practicing open sin, which influenced and corrupted "many"—and brought them into disfavor with the Lord.

Worldly, carnal people are very vocal about their ungodly ways, thereby influencing others to participate.

Christians who want to live right and live a separated life are, for the most part, silent (because of pride or the fear of man)—and thereby have no influence to encourage others to do the same.

It is easier to influence people to be lukewarm or half-hearted than it is to influence them to be sold out and dedicated to Jesus Christ. Aaron and the golden calf is a prime example. He could have influenced the people to do right, but that would have been much more difficult than going with the flow.

What can you do to make it more difficult to end up in the current and flow of sinful living?

- Read the Bible
- Read books by Christian authors
- Fellowship with other believers
- Listen to preaching (recorded)
- Sit under preaching (in the church)

A SEEMING CONTRADICTION

Numbers 25:6-9 The Bible records that **24,000** Israelites "**died in the plague**" as a result of God's judgment against fornication.

1 Corinthians 10:8 The Bible records that **23,000** Israelites "**fell in one day**" as a result of fornication.

This is believed to be a contradiction by many careless Christians. What they fail to see is that one verse records the number of people who died in one day from the plague. The other verse records the total number who died from the plague overall. Some people obviously survived the first day, but died later.

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

Typology: Observing an Old Testament story or event and using it to illustrate a New Testament truth.

Examples: **“Baptized unto Moses in the cloud”** (1 Cor. 10:2). This is used to teach the New Testament Doctrine of baptism by immersion.

“They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ (1 Cor. 10:4). This can be used to teach us that Jesus Christ is the source of living water (John 4:10) and He will satisfy your longing and quench your spiritual thirst.

Categories:

A PERSON.	Adam (Rom. 5:14). Consequences of sin. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The wages of sin is death.
AN EVENT.	The Exodus and wilderness wanderings of the Israelites. The Israelites faced consequences for their sin. This is still true today.
THING.	The veil of the Tabernacle and the Temple; the way into the Holy of Holies (Jesus Christ) (Hebrews 10:16-20).
AN INSTITUTION.	The God-ordained sacrifices offered by the Israelites (Heb. 9:11-12). They showed repentance. They showed the need of a Savior now provided by the new institution; Christ’s finished blood atonement on the cross.
A CEREMONY.	Passover (1 Cor. 5:7) “Christ our Passover.” Israelites spared from God’s wrath by the blood of a lamb. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

THE FOUR TRUTHS FOUND IN SCRIPTURE

LITERAL: This is an actual event that happened in human history.

TYPICAL: What does this represent regarding the Lord Jesus Christ?

SPIRITUAL: What do I learn from the Bible story that helps me and strengthens me in my Christian walk?

DISPENSATIONAL: Where does this truth fit in God’s plan and program. Keep the truth in its right place.

All four of these are found in First Corinthians 10:11. “All these things happened” (literal) “unto them for ensamples” (typical)...“for our admonition” (spiritual)...“upon whom the ends of the world are come” (dispensational; where does it fit?).

THE ROCK THAT FOLLOWED THEM WAS CHRIST (1 Cor. 10:4)

2 JOHN 1:7 Many deceivers...confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. They don’t deny that Jesus was born and walked the earth, but they deny that He eternally existed and “came” in the flesh from eternity. The Bible says the Rock (capital “R”) in the wilderness was Christ. That is only true if Jesus Christ is eternal.
