

## Lesson 63 Answers and Comments

Wise	Gentiles
Conceits	light
Condescend	rising
Law	without
Wise	aliens
Conceits	commonwealth
Highminded	Israel
Gentiles	strangers
Broken	covenants
Off	promise
Unbelief	no
Spare	hope
Fall	without
Riches	God
World	world
Diminishing	
Riches	
Gentiles	
Blindness	
Part	
Israel	
Until	
Gentiles	
Sealed	
Redemption	
Gifts	
Calling	
Rise	

Aren't you glad that in the age of grace that God has "concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all." Rom. 11:32

The ground is now level for everyone. Each individual is a lost sinner, dead in trespasses and sins, Eph. 2:1. God is now offering salvation to one and all with no difference between Jew and Gentile. His mercy is upon all. As Paul looked at the "overview" of God's dealings with men he breaks out in Rom. 11:33 with "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Only in the wisdom of God could a way be found to pronounce such a judgment of guilt against all humanity and yet provide such a salvation to include all and not compromise His holiness or His justice.

In Luke 18:13 the publican prays "...God be merciful to me a sinner." Sinners today need not ask God for His mercy, it has been poured out on the cross. Sinners need only avail themselves of God's mercy through faith in Christ, the only Saviour who paid the sin debt and is himself the expression of God's mercy.

### Lesson 64 Ignorant Brethren #3

I Cor. 10:1-4

These verses are the historical record of Israel's great start. After having been held captive in Egypt for 400 years, God delivers Israel out. God delivers them all by means of a cloud to guide them (Ex. 13:21) and a passage way through the sea (Ex. 14:21, 22). In other words, Paul says in I Cor. 10:2 "And were \_\_\_\_\_ unto Moses in the \_\_\_\_\_ and in the \_\_\_\_\_." All Israel was baptized (there is no water with this baptism) or identified with Moses as part of this great nation that God was delivering through the cloud and sea.

In verse 3 they did ... " \_\_\_\_\_ the same spiritual \_\_\_\_\_; and vs. 4 "And did \_\_\_\_\_ the same spiritual \_\_\_\_\_: for they drank of that spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that followed them: and that Rock was \_\_\_\_\_."

God promised spiritual meat (Ex. 16:4) and spiritual drink (Num. 20:8). They all partook of God's provisions! What a great beginning! They all experienced the same loving kindness of God. We go from such a glorious beginning to vs. 5, "But with \_\_\_\_\_ of them God was \_\_\_\_\_ well \_\_\_\_\_: for they were overthrown in the wilderness."

In verses 6-10 Paul explains what it meant to be overthrown in the wilderness. Vs. 6 "lusting after evil things, vs. 7 idolatry, vs. 8 fornication, vs. 9 unthankfulness, despising God's provisions, vs. 10 murmurings, on going complaining, disgust.

God's judgment and punishment was swift and severe. Vs. 8 "...and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thousand. Vs. 9 ...and were \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_." Vs. 10 "...and were \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."

Paul reminds these believers at Corinth of Israel's great beginning and then the fall of many of them. Paul didn't want them or us to be ignorant of Israel's history. Why?? Vs. 6 of I Cor. 10 "Now these \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_ we should \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ things...." And vs. 11 "Now \_\_\_\_\_ these \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_: and they are \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_..."

There's a saying in the world that goes something like this, "If we don't learn from history we are bound to repeat it." In verse 11 of I Cor. 10, Paul is telling the believers at Corinth to "not be ignorant" of Israel's history! Notice a couple of interesting words in this verse. "Now all these things \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ for ensamples: and they are \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ admonition..."

The words happen and written are different. Paul is not warning the believers that they too will be chastised in the same manner as Israel. His focus, his point, is on Israel's example in starting out great and then their failure to continue on in partaking of God's great provisions for them. Leaving the goodness of God for the desires of the flesh will result in catastrophe in one's life is Paul's admonition to believers. Admonition – to instruct, teach, train, reprove, encourage through words.

## Lesson 64 Continued

Rom. 15:14 "...filled with all \_\_\_\_\_, able also to \_\_\_\_\_ one another."

II Thess. 3:15 "Yet count him not as an enemy, but \_\_\_\_\_ him as an enemy, but \_\_\_\_\_ him as a brother."

Col. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Eph. 6:4 "...but bring them up in the nurture and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord."

Titus 3:10 "A man that is an heretic after the first and second \_\_\_\_\_ reject."

Admonishing is something we believers should be about, both the giving and receiving of it. This is a very important God given method to edify (build up) the body of Christ.

**Taking the word of God** to others, admonishing one another, whether in words of comfort, encouragement, training, instruction, correction, all are a part of admonishing.

Paul wanted the believers to look at what happened to God's earthly people, Israel, and learn something!

Don't think that idolatry, fornication, unthankfulness, and murmuring can't creep into your life and reap calamity.

I Cor. 10:12 "Wherefore let him that \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ take heed lest he \_\_\_\_\_."

Is it possible for believers who have been so wondrously saved from the penalty of sin, from sins power and bondage and blessed with all spiritual blessings to become ungrateful, question God's activity, even get angry with God?? I have heard many well known pastors say it's okay, even beneficial, to tell God you're angry with Him! These men are ignorant of this passage. How many believers would rather have God's physical provisions for Israel than God's spiritual provisions for the body of Christ? How many believers believe what God says about their wealth? Rom. 8:32 "He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all,, how shall he not with him also \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_?"

Rom. 11:12 "...and the diminishing of them the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles;..."

I Cor. 3:21 "...For \_\_\_\_\_ things are \_\_\_\_\_;"

Eph. 3:8 "...that I should \_\_\_\_\_ among the Gentiles the unsearchable \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

Rom. 10:12 "...for the same Lord over all is \_\_\_\_\_ unto all that call upon him."

II Cor. 8:9 "...that ye through his poverty might be \_\_\_\_\_."

## Lesson 64 Continued

Col. 1:27 “To whom God would make known what is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of this \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_: which is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the hope of glory.”

As believers do we revel in these riches that are ours in the mystery program?? Do we bask in them, do we celebrate and enjoy them?? Or are we constantly pleading with God for something else, something more appealing like health, money, a mate, a job etc.??

Are we seeing from all these verses that we are rich in “spiritual things”?

Eph. 1:3 “...who hath \_\_\_\_\_ us with \_\_\_\_\_ in heavenly places in Christ.”

These verses could not possibly be extolling riches of a monetary or physical nature. Don't discard, count as worthless, demean or under value your spiritual wealth as Israel did with her provisions from God. If you do, you'll be “easy pickins” for your flesh to lead you into all sorts of calamities! Be familiar with what happened to Israel, go back and read those passages referred to in I Cor. 10:1-10, learn from their failures, be admonished!