

## CHRIST IN US, PT 3 COURSE CORRECTIONS

*“Pay Attention” - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13** <sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food; <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play.” <sup>8</sup>Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. <sup>9</sup>Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup>Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. <sup>(NASB)</sup>

### 1 - THE BIBLE IS MORE THAN A BOOK ABOUT OUR FAITH

A - As we read through the bible we need to remember that it is not just a collection of stories that help understand the history of our faith.

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**2 Timothy 3:16-17** <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. <sup>(NASB)</sup>

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### 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

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### 2 - GOOD DOES NOT MEAN GOD

**Genesis 3:1-6** <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; <sup>3</sup> **but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’**” <sup>4</sup> The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!” <sup>5</sup> “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the tree was **good** for food, and that it was a **delight** to the eyes, and that the tree was **desirable** to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. <sup>(NASB)</sup>

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One of the oldest tricks in the book: To help you see how great something is, how nice it would be to have it, how much fun it would be, how much we would like it... but in the end we have to ask ourselves: is it good, or is it God?

3 - THERE IS ALWAYS A CHOICE, ALWAYS A WAY OUT...

**1 Corinthians 10:13** <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.<sup>(NASB)</sup>

This section is affirming the section above, yes there is a promise, but it is up to us to live out the truth that we know. Truth that is found in God's word.

**1 Corinthians 10:11-12** <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them **as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.** <sup>12</sup>Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

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*Hey, genius, before you get too caught up in your new found freedom and forgiveness, you might want to remember that we are not the first ones to experience the incredible grace of God. When God brought His people out of Egypt, they all watched Him rain food from the sky, get water from a rock, and countless other miracles that we can't even imagine. Even after all of that they still sinned, still made bad choices, still ended up in trouble... constantly.*

*Over time, God would give them direction and the devil would make it a priority to get them to do the thing that God told them not to do, and he was usually successful. He tricked them time and time again, just like he tricked Eve. Now, if God took the time to have His prophets record all of that stuff, don't you think we might want to pay attention to the past so we don't re-live it? How embarrassing would it be to look back at history and see God's people making the same mistakes over and over again? Will we ever learn?*

*God knows we are going to get into trouble, and He knows that we are often lured away by things that look good, but are actually gift wrapped; chocolate coated death. That's why He gave us His word, so that when these things happen, we would know what that slimy devil is up to because he hasn't had an original thought in 6,000 years. When we find ourselves confronted with the choice to either listen to God, or settle for good, we will be able to make the right choice. Because we believe that if God took the time to write down a detailed description of danger, then we should probably take the time to read it... (PGT)*