

# The Dangers of Idolatry

1 Corinthians 10:1-22

## *The Dangers of Idolatry (10:1-22)*

1. Examples from Israel's Past (10:1-13)
2. The Exclusivity of the Lord's Supper (10:14-22)

## *Idolatry: Examples from Israel's Past (10:1-13)*

### *1. Though All Shared, Many Fell (10:1-5)*

*“For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea” (vv1-2)*

## *Baptism into Moses*

- Baptism is either a blessing or a curse
- The baptismal formula and the mediator
- Baptism is corporate in nature

## *Idolatry: Examples from Israel's Past (10:1-13)*

### *1. Though All Shared, Many Fell (10:1-5)*

*And all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. (vv3-4)*

## *Christ the Rock & the Lord's Supper*

- The efficacy of the Sacraments
- The realities conferred by the Sacraments

## *Idolatry: Examples from Israel's Past (10:1-13)*

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*Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown (ESV: or laid low) in the wilderness (v5)*

- Numbers 14:16

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### 2. Four Formative Models from Scripture (10:6-13)

*Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did (v6)*

- Examples - Formative Models
- Desire - Cravings



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- “Do not be idolaters...” (v7)
- “We must not indulge in sexual immorality...” (v8)
- “We must not put Christ to the test...” (v9)
- “...nor grumble...” (v10)

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*Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come (v11)*

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### *2. Four Formative Models from Scripture (10:6-13)*

*Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it (vv12-13)*