

Sunday Message: January 30, 2022

Real People. Real Church. Real Grace. | Tempted, Tried, and Transformed, Part 1
Danny Lamonte | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Passage Exploration Questions

The primary translation our pastors use on Sunday morning is the ESV. You may find it helpful to use the ESV along with corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible when reflecting on the questions below.

Read I Corinthians 10:1-5.

- 1 What do the following terms mean: “under the cloud,” “passed through the sea,” “baptized into Moses,” and “ate/drank spiritual food and drink”?

Scan Exodus 13:17-14:31 in order to understand the parallels.

- 2 In verses 1-4, God had done great things for God’s people, but verse 5 tells us that God was not pleased. What is Paul saying about their faith?

- 3 Coming full circle, what does Paul want them to be aware of about these things (verse 10:1)?

Read I Corinthians 10:6-13.

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In this section we find out why God was not pleased. What evil did they desire? List the desires they pursued. Note the repetition of the phrase “they did.” Pay special attention to the idolatry comment and the Old Testament reference to Exodus 32:1-6. Now dig a little deeper and read all of the Old Testament references that Paul refers to in verses 7-10 (see ESV Study Bible for Cross references).

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What is the turnaround perspective presented in 10:12-13? What warning is provided and what do we learn from the Israelite’s experience? What do we learn about God?

Application & Spiritual Formation Questions

1

What does Danny mean that many have heard the message of eternal salvation but overlooked the life of internal transformation? Why must disciples of Jesus consider this as we follow God?

2

What temptations do Christians crave (and cave into) in ways that run parallel to the list from 10:7-10 (idolatry, sexual immorality, putting Christ to the test, etc.)?

3

To live is to experience temptation. What role does grace play in our quest to both resist temptation and our fall to temptation? In what ways are you encouraged once again by the powerful statements of 10:13? Consider confessing your specific temptations and use 10:13 as a prayer of hope and comfort, asking God for help and strength.

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