



- 1 Corinthians 10:1-5 (ESV) 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.



- Transformed: to image of Jesus, glory
 - Must not conform to the world
- Living Sacrifice: slaves of God
 - Willingly submit my will to God's will
 - Seeking to please God
- OT given for our learning (Romans 15:4)
 - Some very positive lessons... Noah, Abraham, David
 - Some failures that teach us, warn us



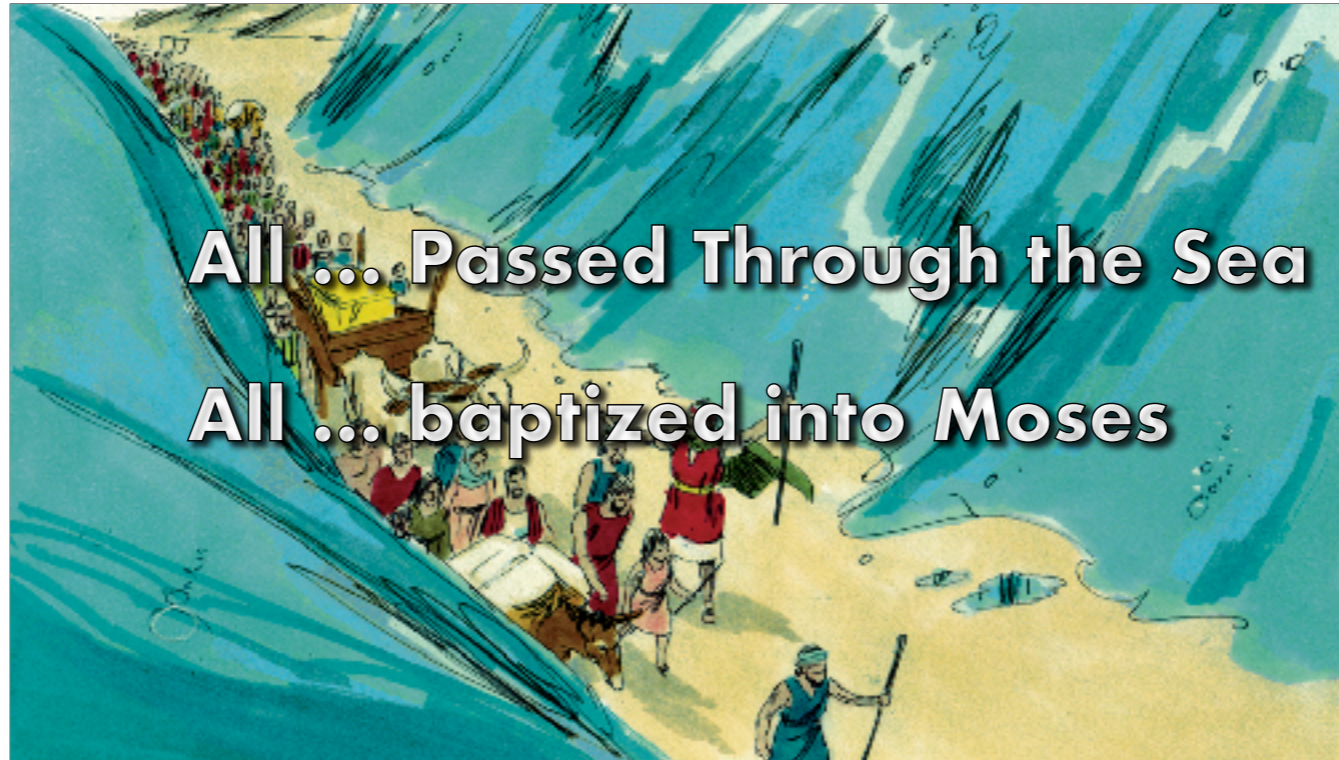
- The Crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites, and journey
 - One of the most memorable miracles leaving Egypt; many follow
 - On surface: like a children's story (yet still important!)
 - God's Power and Glory over Nature and Nations
 - God's Protection and Care of His People



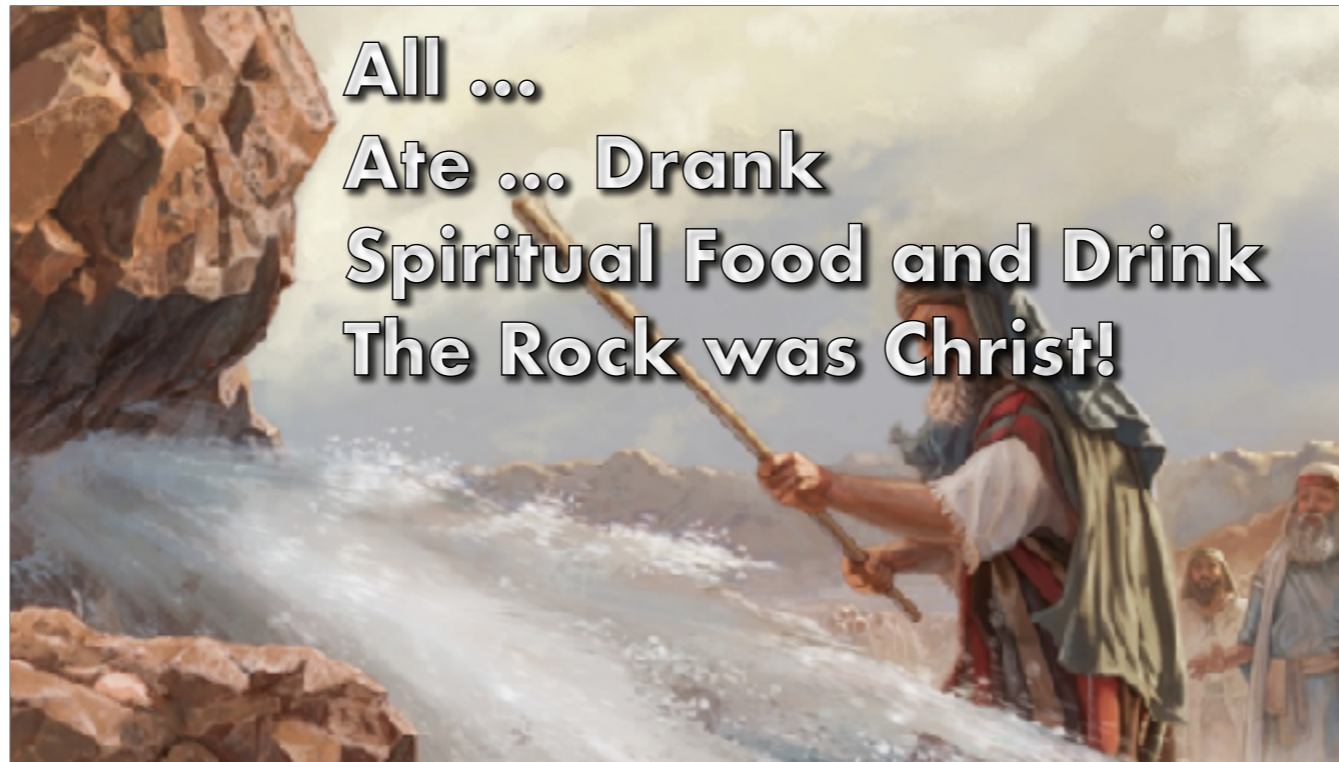
- Paul pushes us to consider more deeply what was happening on this journey
 - All —
 - under cloud
 - passed through sea
 - baptized into Moses - in cloud and in sea
 - ate same SPIRITUAL FOOD
 - drank same SPIRITUAL DRINK
 - spiritual rock followed them
 - Rock was Christ
- Cloud points to
- God was leading, protecting, and caring for His people all through the Wilderness...
- But with MOST God was not pleased.



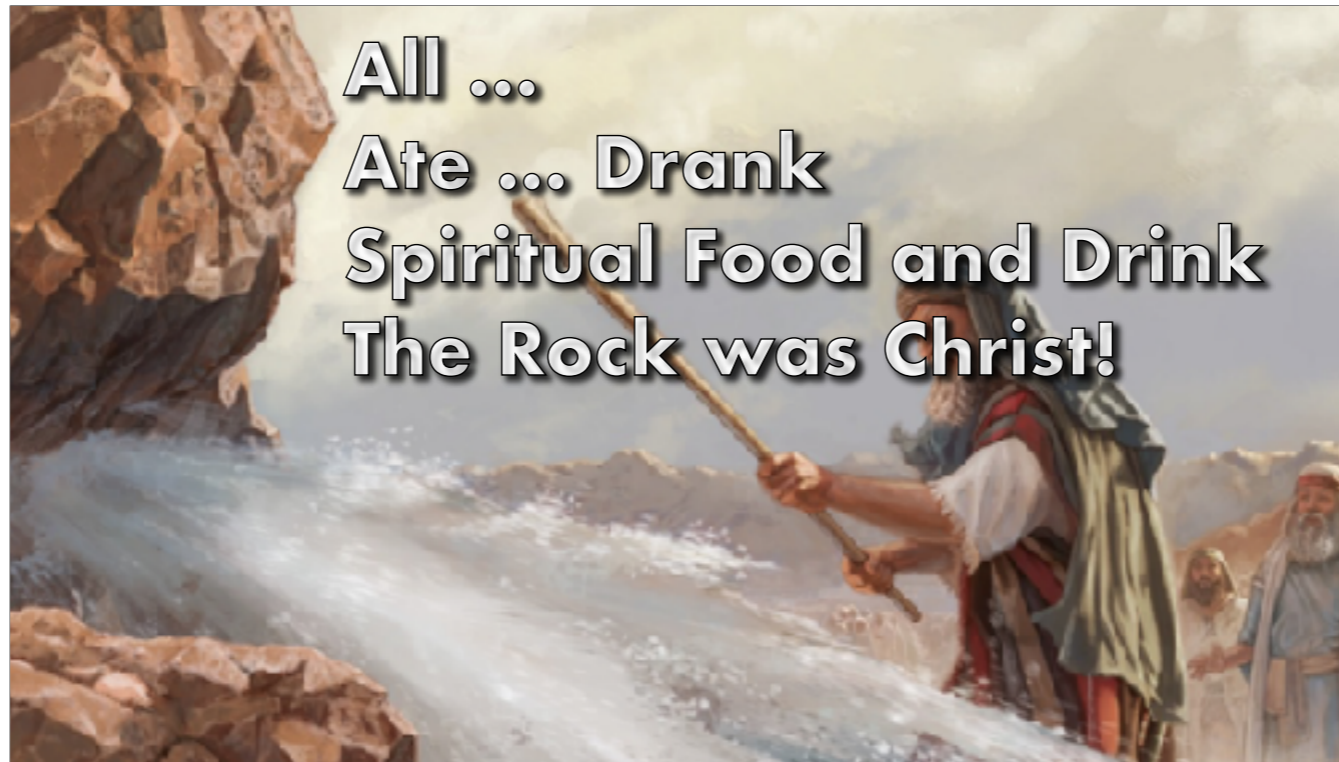
- Cloud
 - God is leading them and protecting them
 - Large enough to be seen by millions of people
 - Constant
 - God is with them, guiding them, taking them home
 - Isaiah 4:5-6 (ESV) 5 Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. 6 There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.
- God leads, I must follow.



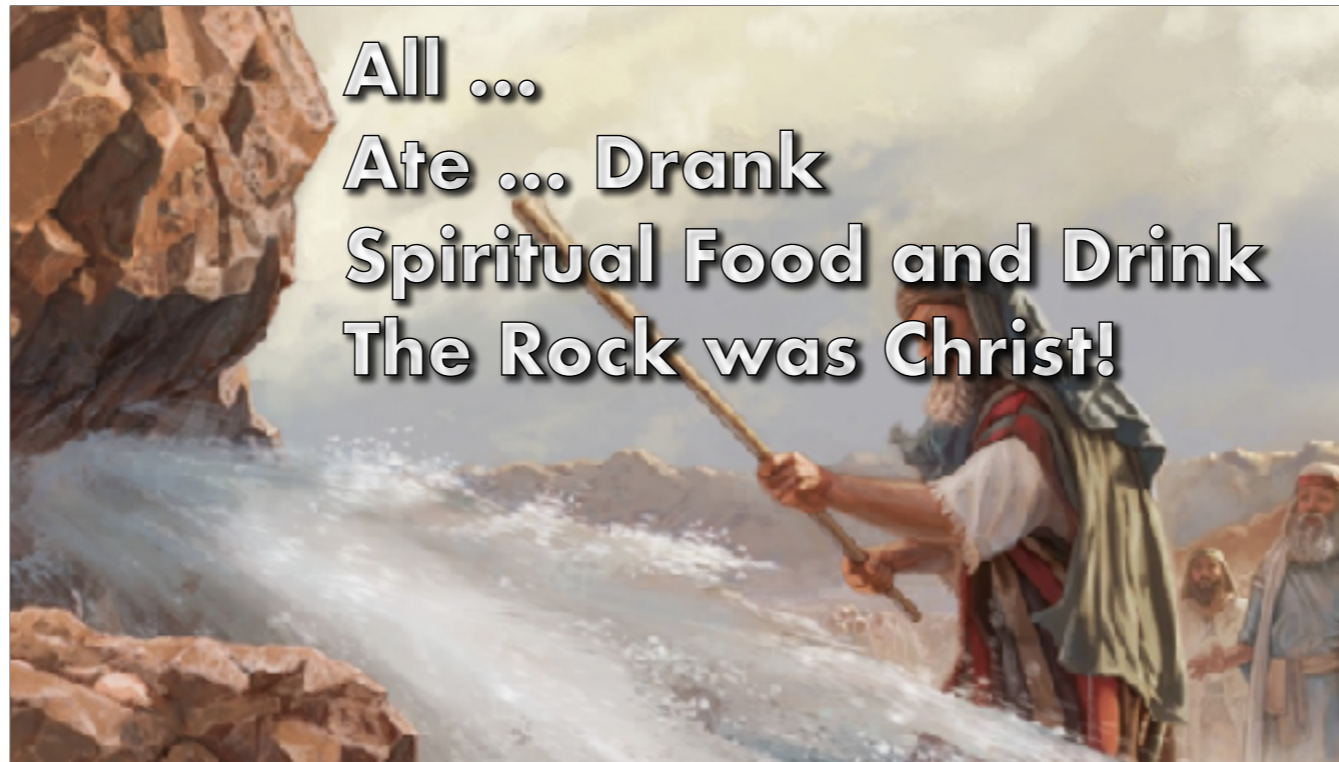
- passed through the sea
 - baptism — salvation
 - brought into family, His people
 - Dividing line between their slavery to sin and becoming God's chosen people
- God claims me as his own, saves me



- Spiritual Food and Drink
 - Physically: Manna, Quail, Water from Rock
 - Rock was Christ.
 - Consider implications!



- But Spiritually is more significant
 - It's almost impossible not to think of Jesus saying this
 - John 4:14 (ESV) but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
 - John 6:35 (ESV) Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
 - Matthew 4:4 (ESV) 4 But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””



- Food: sustains, energy to work, refreshes, strengthens
- Christ is our necessary source of strength.



- All
 - United in escape
 - United in journey
 - United as one people.
- Remember that Going through the Wilderness... going the long way... was God's plan.
 - It was intended to help them learn to trust in God.



- Exodus 19:4 (ESV) 4 You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.



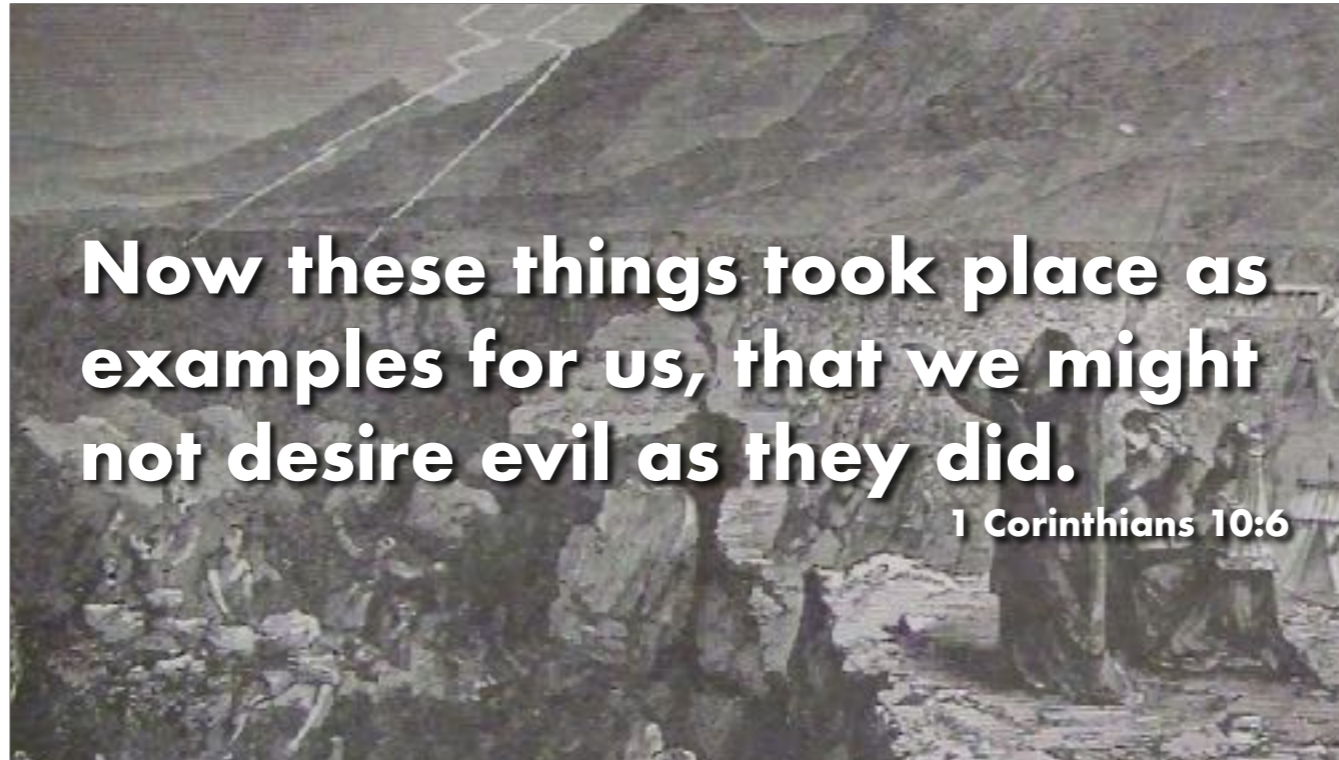
- Deuteronomy 29: 5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.



- Deuteronomy 32:10-14 (ESV) 10 “He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, 12 the Lord alone guided him, no foreign god was with him. 13 He made him ride on the high places of the land, and he ate the produce of the field, and he suckled him with honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock. 14 Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the very finest of the wheat— and you drank foaming wine made from the blood of the grape.



- Why was God not pleased?
 - Desire evil (6)
 - Idolaters (7)
 - Sexual Immorality (8)
 - Testing Christ (9)
 - Grumble (10)
- 1 Corinthians 10:5 (NETFull) But God was not pleased with most of them, for they were cut down in the wilderness.



- 1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.



- What Unites us in Christ?
- Belief in Jesus Christ, the son of God
- Baptized into Christ and into His Body, the church (1 Corinthians 12:13)
 - 1 Corinthians 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
- Drink of one Spirit
- Communion: fellowship with Christ: body and blood: Come together to eat
 - 1 Corinthians 11:20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat.



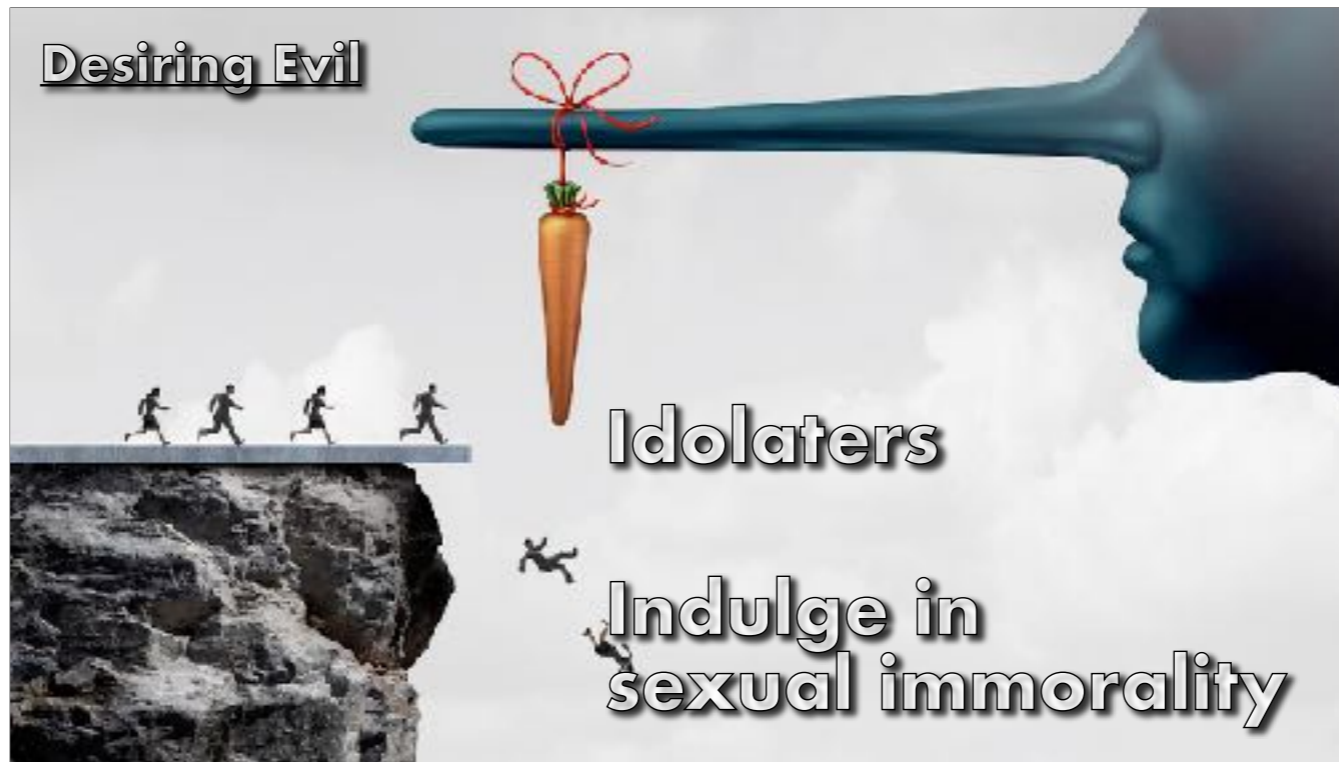
- Like Israel, we are God's chosen people, brought together in Him, taking us home.
 - Is this unity that we have important to our continued faithfulness?
 - Is this unity beneficial in helping us to obey our Father's will?
 - Why would our Father want us to be a part of a kingdom? church? congregation?



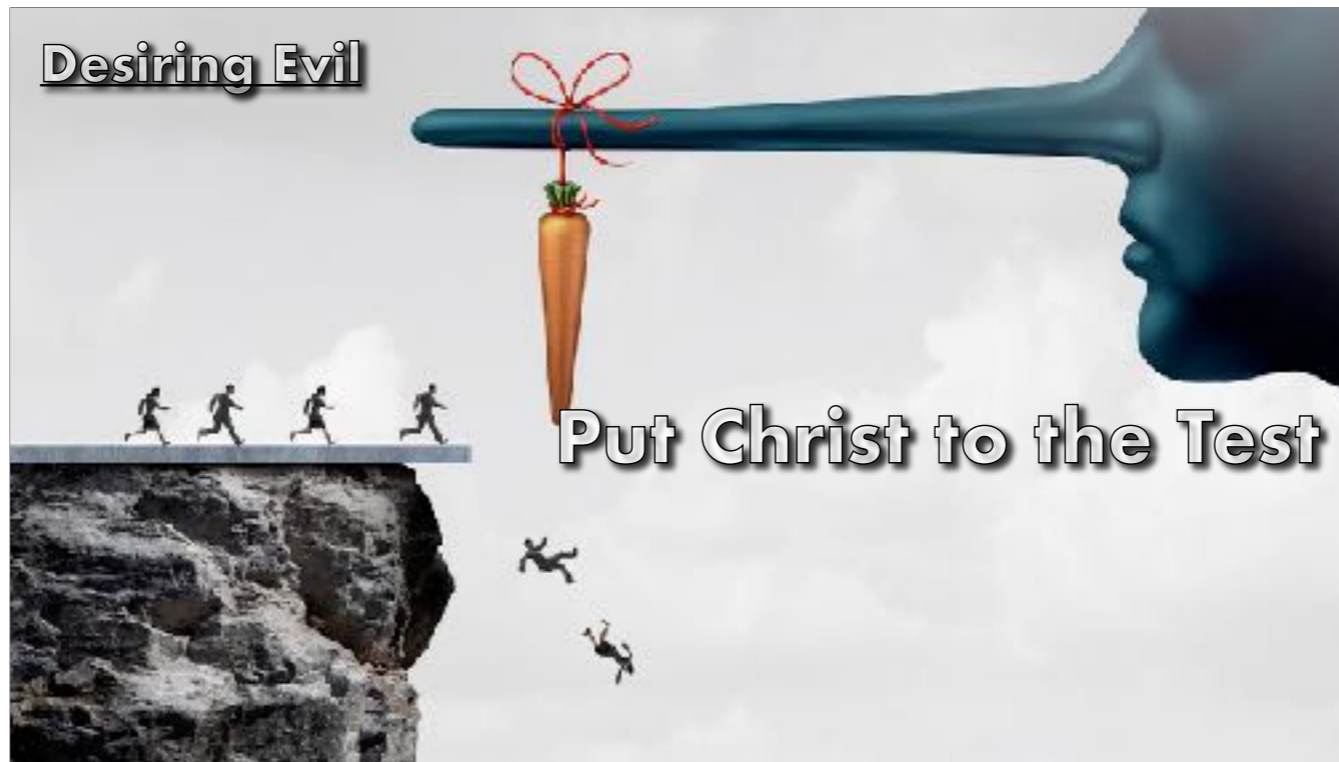
- Is God pleased with most of us? me?
- Or is God not pleased with most of us? me?



- 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 (ESV) 6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 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. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 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.



- They desired (craved!) evil: idolatry
 - Created god in the image they imagined him: like the golden calf (Ex. 32)
 - They worshiped their god in the ways that pleased themselves:
 - Exodus 32:6 (ESV) 6 And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.
 - Some worshipped seem legitimate: burnt offerings and peace offerings
 - Some was self-willed:
 - sat down to eat and drink (selfishness)
 - rose up to play (sexual immorality)
 - happened more than once.

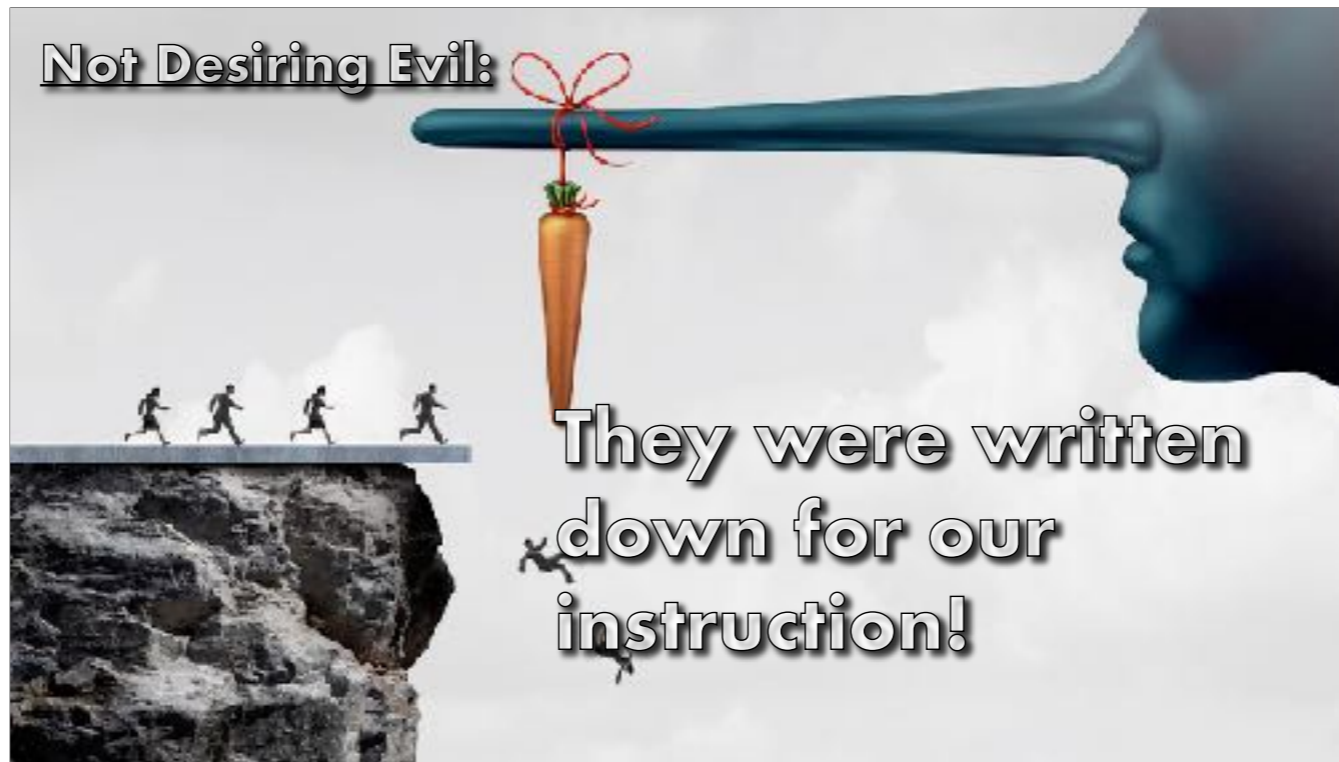


- They were testing Christ: food, discontent with God's gift
 - Numbers 21:5 (ESV) 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."
 - Psalms 78:18-20 (ESV) 18 They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. 19 They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? 20 He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?"



- Grumbling:

- After bad report by the spies...
 - We can't do, what God has promised
- Numbers 14:2-4 (ESV) 2 And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" 4 And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."



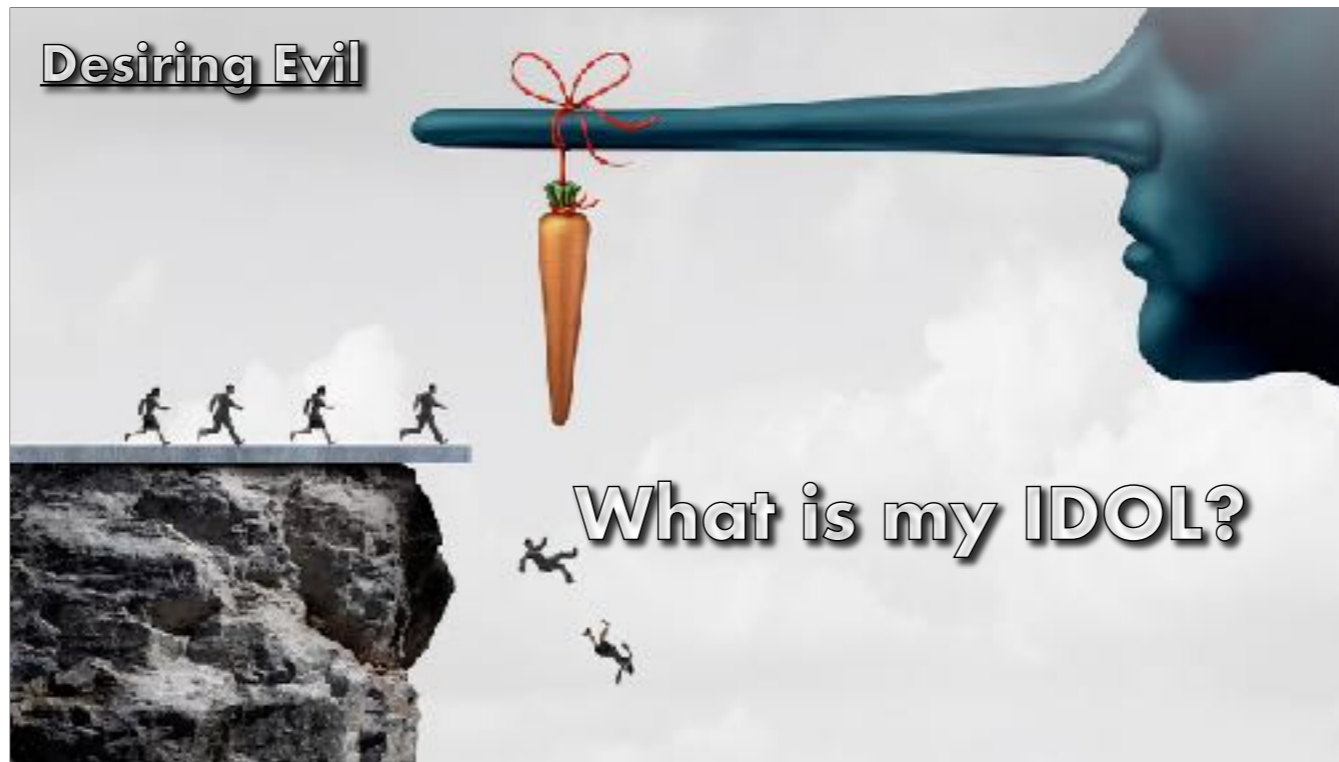
- Paul is warning the Corinthians that this is an immediate danger for them.
- 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come
 - It happens more easily than we think.
 - And they were following the same path as the Israelites
- Clearly this warning is vital for each of us too, and for this church.



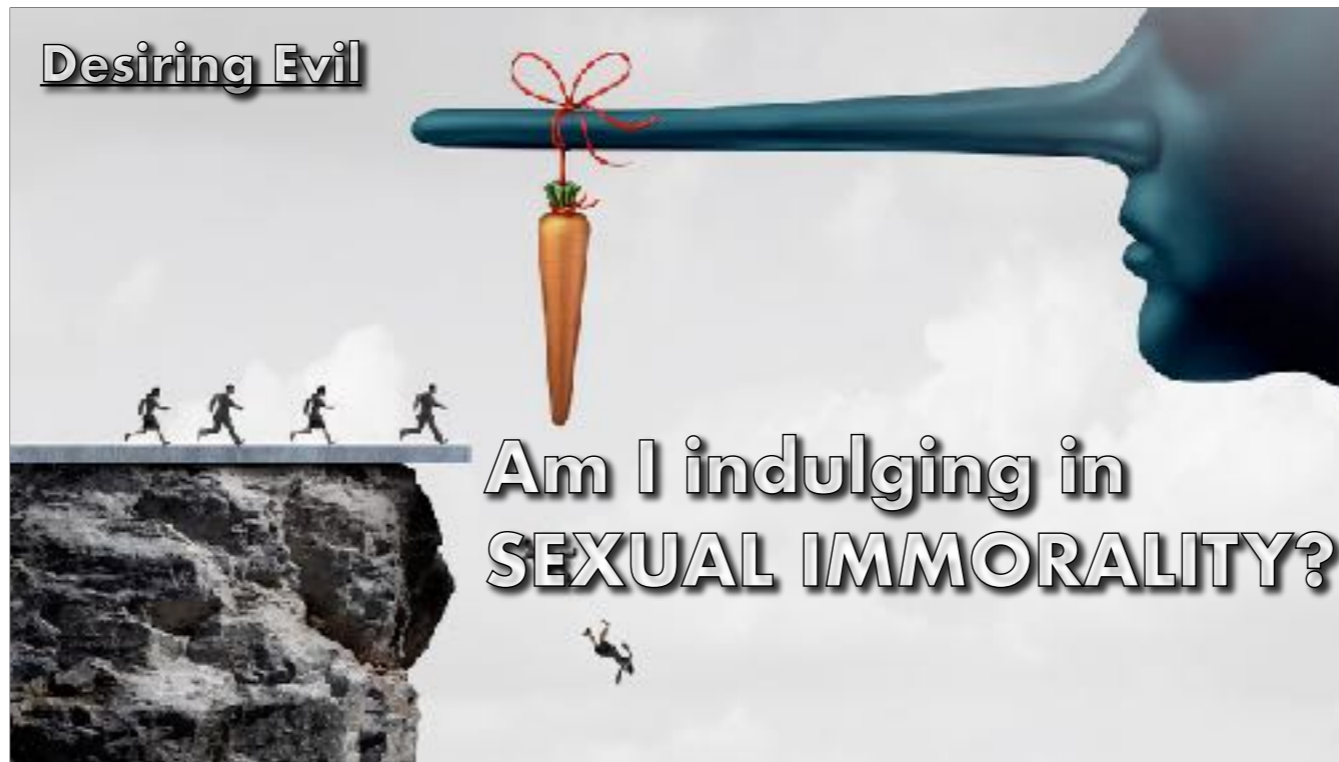
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1 Corinthians 10:12

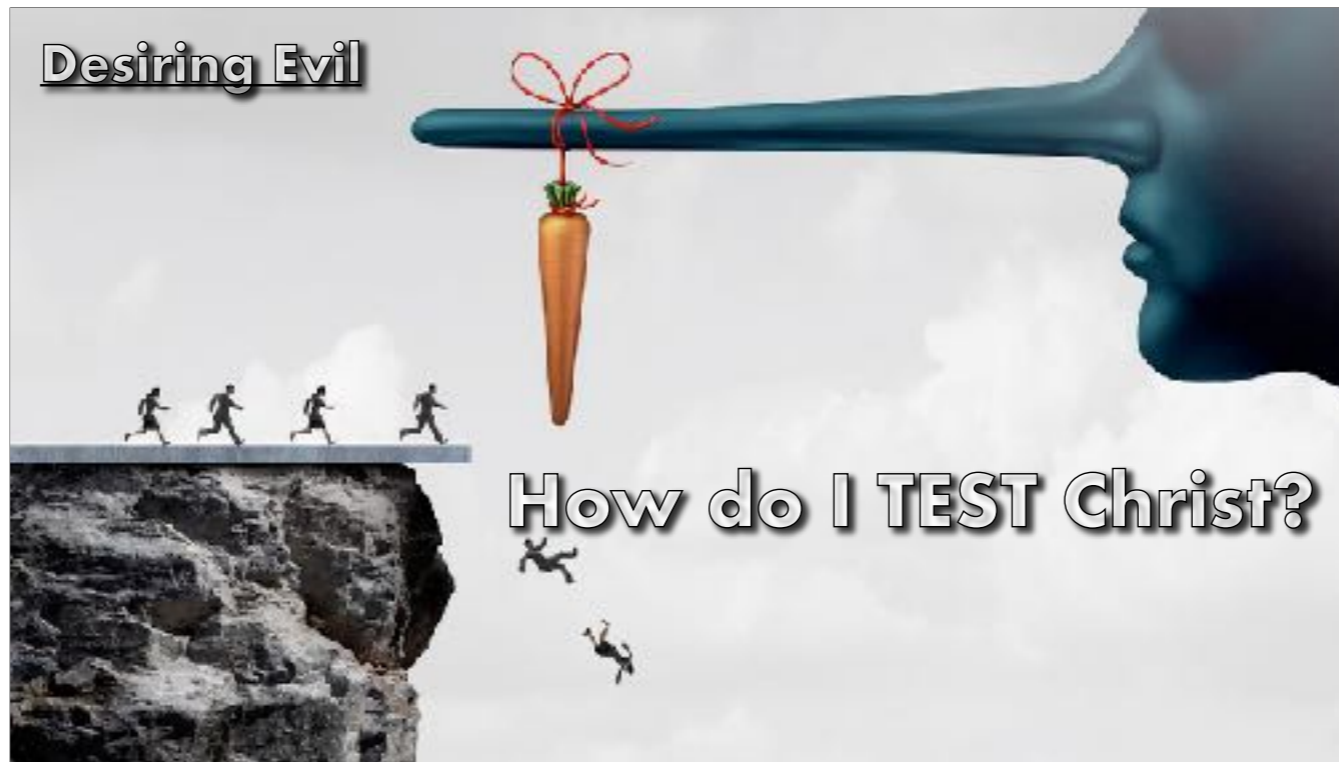
- 1 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV) Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.
 - Paul cleverly warns us against pride, blinds us to our real condition.
 - Corinthians could have easily scorned this warning thinking that they would not fall.
 - We're not as bad as those evil, whining Israelites.
 - Paul's letter reveals their idolatry and self-pleasing attitude against God and brethren
- We too must beware of the pride that would blind us to our desire for evil.
 - The more mature, strong, and established that we see ourselves, the more we desperately need this warning.



- What is my Idol?
- Am I being faithful to God?
- Look at your life...




- Am I indulging my sexual urges?
- Faithful to spouse?
- Adultery, Pornography
- Holiness!



- How am I putting Christ to the test?
 - Is God with me? (Ex. 17:2, 7)
 - God's going to let me die (or suffer). (Num. 21:5)
 - What has God done for me?
 - What will God do for me?
 - Why isn't God doing more for me?




- What am I grumbling about?
- Am I content with His care? guidance? wisdom?



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- God is faithful!
 - Stop and think.



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1 Corinthians 10:13

- We will be tempted.
 - It will not be unusual.
 - We can overcome it.
 - God provides escape
 - We must endure.
 - This is key to Israel in wilderness.... they tired of the daily drudgery of the wilderness experience.
 - Lost sight of destination.
 - Lost sight of God's faithfulness.



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- See the hope:
 - God is faithful.
 - Temptation can be overcome.
 - We are able to endure.
- Thus: God will be pleased with us/me



- 1 Corinthians 10:31: So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- Paul's warning for the Corinthians must resonate with each of us.
 - Although God's chosen people, with most of them God was not pleased.
 - The Corinthians claimed to follow Jesus,
 - But they were not following Him in truth.
 - Israelites died in wilderness.... didn't go home to land prepared for them.
- Is God pleased with me?
 - When tempted, do I escape and overcome?
 - Do I endure?
 - Do I crave evil or righteousness?

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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With Most of Them God was Not Pleased

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Synopsis: Although God chose the Israelites as his people and rescued them from Egypt and cared for them in the wilderness, with most of them God was not pleased because of their cravings for evil things. We are told that we must learn from this. Is God pleased with me? While claiming to follow Him, do I really obey him in all things? Borrowed thoughts from Darrel Yontz.

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