The Blood, The Bread & The Body

I Corinthians 10:15-22

Two Important Warnings from Last Weekend…

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."
1 Corinthians 10:14 "Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry."

The Important Definition from Last Weekend…

Idol – "A *functional substitute savior* that we've chosen to rescue us from our own little hell that we've defined for ourselves."

Paul now builds on this warning against idolatry
primarily by considering the depth of meaning
of the Lord's Table/Communion

A Call to the Spiritually Sensitive Believer…

1 Corinthians 10:15 I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.

The Blood & the Bread…

1 Corinthians 10:16-18 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 17Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 18Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?

1. The blood

2. The bread

3. The body

More to Say about Idolatry…

1 Corinthians 10:19-22 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 22Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

1. Idolatry is inconsistent in the believer's life.

2. Idolatry is demonic

3. Idolatry is offensive to the Lord.

Questions as We Consider the Lord's Table…

1. Am I a true participant in the blood of Christ?
2. Am I a full participant in the body of Christ?
3. Is my life inconsistent with the depth of Christ's sacrifice?
4. Would my taking of the elements of the Lord's Table today be offensive to the Lord?

I John 5:21 "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

Bible Reading Plan

❑ Sun.: Psalm 101 ❑ Mon.: Psalm 102 ❑ Tues.: Psalm 103
❑ Wed.: Psalm 104 ❑ Thurs.: Psalm 105 ❑ Fri.: Psalm 106
❑ Sat.: Psalm 107 ❑ Sun.: Psalm 108

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