

Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church
Bible Sharing Program 2010-11
1Corinthians #6: A Lesson from the Israelites History

TGQ = Tim Gray Study Set Questions
TGR = Tim Gray Study Set Responses
NJBC = New Jerome Biblical Commentary
CSB = Ignatius Catholic Study Bible
HO = Special Handout
SK = Sze Go Chinese Bible

A	<p><u>Introduction of Related Passages</u></p> <p>“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”</p>	<p>Cor 10:1-11:1</p> <p>1Sam 3:9</p>
B	<p><u>Paul’s Method Teaches Readers How to Read Scripture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul teaches against the consumption of meat that has been sacrificed to idols through the Israelite wilderness history. “Pillar of Cloud” = Holy Spirit; the crowd gathered under the pillar prefigures the Church born after the Pentecost. • “all were baptized into Moses” = This represents the unity between the Israelites and Moses resulted from crossing the sea together; the New Israel (the Church) and the New Moses (Christ) are also united through water. • “all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink” => Christ Eucharist and living water. Therefore, the “cornerstone is Christ”. • Crossing of the Red Sea and wandering in the wilderness prefigure the pilgrim Church. • Paul called these teachings about Scriptures God’s “examples”, in Greek, Typikos = “types” = prefiguration. • Paul uses “typology” to analyze scriptures. These “types” can be found in the OT, including people, events, or objects, to prefigure Christ and how He will fulfill God’s salvific plan. • This shows the parallels and harmony between the OT and NT; one cannot be interpreted properly without the other. We must avoid the mistakes of Marcionism (A.D. 144; OT is bad while NT is good). • NOT “scripture only”. 	<p>Cor 10:1-4</p> <p>CSB 10:1, TGQ p. 30</p> <p>CSB 10:2, TGQ p. 30</p> <p>CSB, TGQ p. 30, Jn 6:53, 4:14, Ps 118:22</p> <p>CCC 1094, CSB, TGQ p. 30</p> <p>TGQ p. 31, CSB 10:6, CCC 128-30, 1094</p> <p>CSB</p> <p>1Cor 10:4 1Tim 3:8, Acts 20:35</p>
C	<p><u>The Four Offences Committed by the Israelites in the Wilderness are all Food-Related</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The four sins committed by the Israelites in the wilderness are related to food. • Paul deliberately uses food-related sins to warn the Christians in Corinth about eating sacrificed meat. They could fall because of food, too. 	<p>1Cor 10:5-13</p> <p>TGR 6-3, CSB, HO1</p> <p>CSB 10:7-10</p>
D	<p><u>Rejecting Evil and Uniting with the Lord in the Eucharist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul discusses sexual immorality in 1Cor 5-7 and eating of sacrificed meat in 1Cor 8-10; he compares the two in chapter 10 due to the practice of worshipping idols and immoral lifestyle in Corinth. Paul asserts that Christians should not eat sacrificed meat and must stay away from such evil practice. Instead, they must live in the unity of Christ and the Church. • “Flee from the worship of idols” – Avoidance is one’s first line of defence but the more important defence is that one must completely transform and convert his/her heart. This transformation and conversion come from one’s love of the truth and the 	<p>1Cor 10:14-33</p> <p>TGQ p. 28 CSB 6 Article</p> <p>1Cor 10:14, TGR 6-9, HO2</p>

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	<p>determination towards holiness as a result. Ultimately, this is the work of the Holy Spirit. Christ comes to redeem not repress; this work relies on grace instead of law. The former points to the human heart and the latter points to appearance only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul reaffirms the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Behind the idols are demons; eating sacrificed meat implies one's partnership with the demons. Therefore, Paul warns the Corinthians not to partake in the "table of demons". • "The cup of blessing" = the 3rd of the 4 cups of wine during the Passover Meal which is followed by singing of hymns. The Last Supper of Jesus is the same, but Christ did not drink the 4th cup. Why? This will be explained during the upcoming Passover Meal! • "For why should my liberty be subject to the judgement of someone else's conscience?" Just as Paul tries "to please everyone [he] does, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved", we must restrain our liberty for the benefits of others because "no matter what I do, everything is for the glory of God". This shows the selfishness of doing whatever we desire. 	<p>Mk 7:18-23</p> <p>1Cor 10:16-22 CCC 1374 CSB 10:20</p> <p>CSB, Mk 14:23-26</p> <p>1Cor 10:29-32</p>
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1. The four sins committed by the Israelites in the wilderness are food-related:

Sins	Scripture: 1Cor.	Scripture: OT
1. Worshipping of the Golden Calf Idol	10:7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'	Ex 2:1-8
2. Sexual Immorality	10:8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.	Num 25:1-9 (the people began to have sexual relations with the women of Moab. They participated in sacrifices of the false gods and ate and bowed down to their gods.)
3. Testing God 4. Blaming God	10:9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. (God provides manna, water, and sparrows for the people and yet they complain to God that they're getting tired of the same provisions.)	Ex 17:1-7 (Thirst Num 21:4-6)

2. "Christ isn't concerned with evaluating behaviour at the surface. He wants to take us to the 'heart' of morality. Life in Christ does not mean begrudgingly submitting to an external code of ethics! Those who follow Christ are called to live according to a 'new ethos'" (Christopher West, The Good News About Sex and Marriage Seminar Workbook, p.20).

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