1 Corinthians 10:12-21
A Communion Study

1A ***On the basis of the Israel's wilderness journey, where many died in sin, beware,*** 12***:*** So the one who assumes to stand, let him **watch** lest he fall.

2A ***The escapability of temptation, v.13:***

    1B ***The divine limit on temptation,*** 13***a:*** No temptation has taken you except human;

    2B ***The person of God, 13b:*** but God is faithful,

    3B ***The divine limit on temptation, 13c:*** Who does not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able,

    4B ***The divine provision in temptation, 13d:*** but He will also make the egress together with the temptation, for you to be able to bear up.

3A ***The specific action item in the realm of idol worship,*** 14***:*** On which account, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

4A ***The nature of Paul's speech and call to examine his teaching,*** 15***:*** I speak as to a sensible man, judge yourselves what I say.

5A ***The nature of the communion ritual, vv.16-17:***

    1B ***The nature of the cup and bread,*** 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, isn't it fellowship of the blood of the Christ? The bread which we break, isn't it fellowship of the body of the Christ?

    2B ***Unity through the communion,*** 17***:*** Because one bread, one body, we are many; for we all partake from the one bread.

6A ***The illustration of Israel,*** 18***:*** Look at Israel according to the flesh; aren't those who eat the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

7A ***A call to examine the substance of idolatry,*** 19***:*** What am I saying then? That an idol is something? Or that an idol-sacrifice is something?

8A ***The true nature of Gentile sacrifice,*** 20***:*** But that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons, and not to God.

9A ***Paul's desire for the Corinthian believers, 20a:*** But I do not want you to become partners with demons,

1A ***The mutually exclusive realms of communion and Gentile sacrifice,*** 21 You are not able to drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you are not able to partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.