

Study Hints for Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

1 Corinthians 10:9-22

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be the answers to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. How might some people put Christ to the test today?

They might think that it does not matter what they believe or how they act. They might persist in doing what they know the Bible condemns and think that because they have been baptized and participate in the Lord’s Supper that Christ will not discipline or punish them.

2. Why do Christians believe that they should study the Old Testament as well as the New Testament?

The moral law of God that Jesus Christ also practiced and upheld when He died on the cross was given by God and is discussed in the Old Testament. Some of the blessings that God's people received for their obedience are revealed. Some of the punishments that God's people suffered for their disobedience are also revealed and serve as examples for us. Paul wrote that the Israelites' experiences in the Old Testament serve as examples and what was written down about them serve to instruct us.

3. What would Paul want us to especially remember when we are tested?

Our tests are common; others have been tested in similar ways. God is faithful. God will not let us be tested beyond our strength, so we need to use all of our strength to do and keep doing the will of God when we are tested. When testing comes, God will also give us strength and provide the way out, so we can choose to take the way out He provides. Testing is something we must endure until the test is over. The fact that our testing needs endurance indicates the test may not be pleasant.

4. What are Christians doing when they participate in the Lord's Supper?

From these verses, we know they are sharing in the blood of Christ and in the body of Christ. The Christians who participate in the Lord's Supper are one body.

5. What are people really doing when they are worshiping idols?

They are sacrificing to demons and not to God. They are becoming partners with demons. They cannot be partners with Christ and partners with demons.

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