**Sermon Title: The Warning Against Carnal Living in a Christless Culture, Part 2b**

**Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:6-10**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to avoid the examples of living that leads to disqualification.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 3 major examples that followers of Christ need to avoid in carnal living.**

**Introduction:** The danger of over confidence must be taken into account today. “The early church wanted to know what must I do to be saved? Today’s church is asking “What can I do and still be saved?”

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**III. The 5 Biblical motivations of holiness. V. 2:1**

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A. The **Old** Testament illustration. (**Exodus 20:1-7**)

 **Exodus 34:17** "You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.

 **Matthew 5:17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

* “No religious, social, political, or business function was conducted without some involvement with idol worship or recognition. …
* They believed they could be associated with such pagan activities without being spiritually harmed. …
* When Christians worship anyone or anything besides God, that is idolatry. Worshipping the virgin Mary, saints, icons, or angels is idolatry. No matter how sincerely they are meant to honor God, such practices are false worship and are strictly forbidden in Scripture. …
* All idols, of course, are not physical. They do not have to be made of wood, stone, or metal. Any concept of God that is not biblical is false, and if believed and followed it becomes an idol. …
* But no false god has anything in common with the God of the Bible. Churches and philosophies have developed that virtually make gods of success, love, social service, self-image, or simply mankind. Anything that takes our first loyalty and allegiance is an idol. Many people who would not take a second glance at a carved idol will sacrifice health, time, family, moral standards, and anything else required in order to achieve the idol of success or recognition they want. The sin of idolatry, like every other sin, is of the heart. …
* Christians in churches that practice any form of idolatry – ceremonial, theological, or practical – cannot stay there long without being contaminated.”

 [**John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary 1 Corinthians,* p.222-223**]

 1. Trust God Only (**20:3-4**)

 2. Worship God Only (**20:5-6**)

 3. Honor God’s Name (**20:7**)

 B. The **New** Testament illustration. (**2 Corinthians 6:14-18**)

 a. What fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness. V.14a

 b. What fellowship has light with darkness. V.14b

 c. What fellowship has Christ with Belial. V.15a

 d. What fellowship has believers with unbelievers. V.15b

 e. What fellowship has the temple of God with idols. Vv.16-18

 **Leviticus 26:12** I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

 **Jeremiah 31:33** "But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

 **Jeremiah 32:38** `They shall be My people, and I will be their God;

 **Isaiah 52:11** Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean *thing*; Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the vessels of the LORD.

 **Jeremiah 31:1** "At the same time," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people."

 **Jeremiah 31:9** They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim *is* My firstborn.

 **Romans 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**III. The 5 Biblical motivations of holiness. V. 2:1**

 1. The motivation of an external **perspective**. (**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**)

 2. The motivation of the future **presence** of Christ. (**2 Corinthians 5:1-8**)

 3. The motivation of a future **reward**. (**2 Corinthians 5:9-10**)

 4. The motivation of the **love** of Christ. (**2 Corinthians 5:11-16**)

 5. The motivation of the message of **reconciliation**. (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**)