



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, April 2, 2023 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

Running to Win Requires Running the Race that You Are In

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

1. Run from idolatry and toward Christ and His church.
(1 Corinthians 10:14-17)

2. Run with awareness of the running course.
(1 Corinthians 10:18-20)



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3. Run without compromise for God alone. (1 Corinthians 10:21-22)

Table Talk

- 1) What kinds of idolatry do you need to run from? (v. 14) How can we avoid idolatry? How is the Lord's Table a running toward Christ? (v. 16) How is the Lord's Table a running toward Christ's church? (vv. 16-17) Should the Lord's Table be shared by believers outside of the church setting? Why or why not?
- 2) What illustration does the Old Testament sacrifice participants make in this matter of eating food at an idol's temple? (v. 18) Does this mean that eating food offered to idols is wrong, or that an idol is a real God? (v. 19)
- 3) Even though an idol is no real god, how does Paul describe the hazard of an idol? (v. 20) What are some ways that we believers today can get in a hazardous situation of participation (koinonia) with a demon?
- 4) Paul makes a distinction between eating food offered to idols and eating food offered to idols at an idol's temple in the middle of the worship of that idol. Why is that distinction important? (vv. 21-22)
- 5) What does it mean for God to be jealous? Why is it okay for God to be jealous but wrong for us to be jealous? (v. 22) In what ways can we find it easy to challenge God's ways, acting as though we are stronger than God? (v. 22) How can you run more effectively in the race that you actually are in?