BECAUSE HE'S WORTHY

Tomorrow (Sunday, 01/09), we return to our series in the book of 1 Corinthians (10:14-22) by looking at the answer the Apostle Paul had given the church that concerned one of the most controversial topics they had been debating among themselves.

For the last two and a half chapters (8-10), Paul had been admonishing the church to their need to always be sensitive to one another when it came to each person's personal liberties.

The sensitive matter had to do with food that Christians had purchased. The problem was not what was bought but its origin. The best and least expensive meats were found in the pagan temples that littered the city on that day.

Paul had appealed to those considered "strong" in the faith. These were the people who had been growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. And, they may have been the ones that those who were new to the faith would look to when challenges arose.

When he wrote his answer to their question, he was concerned for the "weaker" Christians and those who were "strong." But, he knew that temptation is something that everyone faces at one time or another. And, just because someone was rooted and grounded in the faith, it does not mean they are exempt.

Paul's response to the church is still valid today. The Holy Spirit had inspired the Apostle to answer the Corinthians' question so that two thousand years later, Christians would still be able to apply in their walk with God.

I've entitled our series, in 1 Corinthians, "Living Upright in a Fallen World." I pray the Holy Spirit will ignite a fire in our hearts. A desire to burn brightly, for Him, in a world desperate to know the power of the Gospel.

Look forward to our time together. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Calvary Chapel family.

There are several opportunities for worship. On-campus (10:00am), drive-in church (92.1fm), and online (Facebook and YouTube: Calvary Inverness)

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