

## **I Corinthians 10:1-5** **Rejecting God's Blessing**

### **Introduction:**

Donald Grey Barnhouse tells a story about a boy in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade who so often came to school chewing bubble gum; but the teacher laid the rules down that bubble gum was not allowed during the class time. He rebelled so often and the teacher caught him blowing bubbles, she went over to him and literally pulled the gum out of his mouth. He asked to be excused later in the day and went down to the boiler room and set the waste paper barrel on fire. When the firemen got there, they were able to detect how the fire started. The rebellious boy eventually admitted he started the fire.

The boy Barnhouse said in effect, I am on the throne in my life, and I want everybody else to bow down before me. I want to rule. When I want anything, I want... If I want bubble gum, I am to have it. If anybody takes it away from me, I have a right to lash out and destroy anything that stands in the way." So the rebellious Israelites said, don't take my idols away. God blessed them over and over again, keeping them from danger of their enemies, supplying all their physical needs, shade, comfort, food, water and worship around the tabernacle of God's presence. (II Cor. 6:16)

### **I. Pertinent History – v.1-3**

#### **A. Common Grace – Matt.5:45**

1. Persevering grace is saving grace
2. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

#### **B. Paul's formula – v.1, cf. 12:1; II Cor. 1:8; I Thess. 4:13 (Rom. 1:13; 11:25)**

1. The church is the same in the Old Testament as it is in the New
2. A Gentile church with Jewish terms – "forefathers" Gal. 3:7; 6:16

#### **C. Tokens of God's Blessing:**

1. The cloud – v.1; Exod. 13:21; Psa. 99:7
2. The Sea – Deliverance – Exod. 24:4-8; Rom.6:3; Turn To: Hebrews 7:22-28
3. Spiritual Food – v.3 Psa. 78:23-25; Exod. 16:15; 2-36; Josh. 5:16
4. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper – Turn To: John 6:31-40

### **II. Pertinent Christology – v. 4-5**

#### **A. Spiritual Drink – "They drank from a spiritual Rock which followed them"**

1. The Rock: Jacob – Gen. 49:24; Moses – Deut. 32:15,18,30,31; The Psalmist – Psa. 18:31; 62:2; 78:35; 89:26; 95:1
2. The pre-existence of Christ – "the rock was Christ"; John 1:1,3,16,30
3. There is no salvation without the spiritual drink – John 7:37

### **Conclusion:**

1. *Despite the blessing and miraculous privileges most of them perished – Only two men, Joshua and Caleb along with those 20 and under survived. Num. 16:40; 25:9*
2. *Invitation to believe on the Savior – Turn To: Hebrews 3:8-19*

