

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

When I read today's verses, one tiny, little three letter word jumped out to me, and that word is "ALL" and Paul used that word five times in these verses referring to the Children of Israel and how they walked through the Wilderness for forty years and how they:

*All our fathers were under the cloud
All passed through the sea,
All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea
All ate the same spiritual food
All drank the same spiritual drink.
For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.*

Or we can think of it as "ALL" of our walk with Jesus.

All go to church
All listen to the same message
All sing the same worship songs
All believers have said the same prayer for salvation
All partake of communion
For we all partake of communion, which is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

And we can say "Yes" and "Amen" to those things. Yet, you have to wonder which or any of us will it be said that "*But with most of them God was not well pleased*"?

We know that for the Children of Israel, those who were disobedient did not make it to the Promised Land, in fact those forty and older did not make it.

† **Numbers 32:13** *So the LORD'S anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.*

Yet we take that with a grain of salt ignoring the warnings of God and think it will not happen to us. But we must remember what Paul said to the Romans.

† **Romans 11:17-22** *And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast,*

remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

Or as the Message Bible says:

† **Romans 11:21 (MSG)** *If God didn't think twice about taking pruning shears to the natural branches, why would he hesitate over you? He wouldn't give it a second thought.*

Thousands of the Children of Israel did not make into the Promised Land because of disobedience, and if God allowed that happened to them, His chosen people, we should be even more cautious in our walk with the Lord, because it could happen to any of us as well. ***"For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either."***

Yes, we are forgiven when we confess our sins to the Lord, yet how many of those sins that you confess are done willfully and knowingly, meaning you know it was sin and wrong, yet you did it anyway. Paul also says to the Romans:

† **Romans 6:1-2** *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*

So we need to heed these things and what God is showing us in His word, in the Old and New Testament, because these are not stories to entertain us, but rather to teach, guide and change us.

† **1 Corinthians 10:11 (NLT2)** *These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.*