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2. Describe some of the ways our commitment to the Shema of v.4 is tested by living in our present culture.
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4. Read 1Cor. 8:1-6. What is the issue Paul is dealing with in this passage? In v.6 Paul makes an astounding claim for Jesus. Who does Paul say the "One LORD" of the Shema is?
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6. Read Hebrews 8:8-13. In v.8, what is God's solution to our inability to keep the Old Covenant? Describe how the passage presents the New Covenant as being better than the old. How do we enter the New Covenant, by faith or by trying harder to do good? See Hebrews 9:15
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