

# The Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

#### 1. THE REBUKE

<u>1 Corinthians 11:17</u> But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup>For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, <sup>19</sup>for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup>For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup>What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

# Abuses of The Lord's Supper in Corinth...

- A. Coming to the table divided "I hear that there are divisions among you"
- B. Coming to the table with selfish disregard for others "For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk."

## 2. THE REMINDER

<u>1 Corinthians 11:23</u> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Passover Meal:

The New Covenant:

The Lord's Supper:

A. Memorial

"Do this in remembrance of Me"

B. Proclamation of the Gospel

"you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

#### 3. THE WARNING

<u>1 Corinthians 11:27</u> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A. Partaking in an unworthy manner brings guilt 11:27-28

"What does it mean to partake in an unworthy manner?"

- 1) Viewing it as unimportant or insignificant
- 2) Taking the Gospel lightly "without discerning the body" v.29
- 3) Focusing on food rather than Christ
- 4) Being selfish rather than deferring to others
- 5) Partaking even though you are unrepentant about known sin
- B. Partaking in an unworthy manner brings discipline 11:29-30
- C. Self-Examination renders discipline unnecessary 11:31

## 4. THE INSTRUCTION

<u>1 Corinthians 11:33</u> So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— $^{34}$ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

## **CLOSED CIRCUIT FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH**

- 1. Examine yourself now! Don't partake in an unworthy manner.
- 2. Remember Christ "Do this in remembrance of ME"

Bible Reading Plan
☐ Sun.: Prov. 7 ☐ Mon.: Prov. 8 ☐ Tues.: Prov. 9
☐ Wed.: Prov. 10 ☐ Thurs.: Prov. 11 ☐ Fri.: Prov. 12
☐ Sat.: Job 1 ☐ Sun.: Job 2