
COMMUNION WITH GOD

Part 1



1 Corinthians 11:17-33

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¹⁷ But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together.

1 Corinthians 11:18

18 First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it.

1 Corinthians 11:19

19 But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized!

1 Corinthians 11:20

²⁰ When you meet together,
you are not really interested in
the Lord's Supper.

1 Corinthians 11:21

²¹ For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk.

1 Corinthians 11:22a

22 What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor?

1 Corinthians 11:22b

²² What am I supposed to say?
Do you want me to praise you?
Well, I certainly will not praise
you for this!

1 Corinthians 11:23

23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself.

On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread

1 Corinthians 11:24

²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it.
Then he broke it in pieces and
said, “This is my body, which is
given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:25

25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people - an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

1 Corinthians 11:27

²⁷ So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:28

**28 That is why you should
examine yourself before eating
the bread and drinking the cup.**

1 Corinthians 11:29

29 For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.

1 Corinthians 11:30

³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

1 Corinthians 11:31

³¹ But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.

1 Corinthians 11:32

³² Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Communion Related Misconceptions:

- **Can only be performed by certain Christians in a certain office.**
- **The Bible gives a specific “how to” of conducting Communion.**

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Misconceptions:

- There is a specific frequency of the celebration that is commanded in the Bible.
- God does not want believers who are in sin or struggling with sin to take Communion.

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Misconceptions:

- You must dress special for Communion Sunday.
- As long as you don't take Communion, God won't judge you.

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guilty of sinning *[is]* **unworthy**
[of partaking in] the body and
blood of the Lord *[in Communion]*

Terrible Misapplication:

Various Cultural, Traditional
and Denominational

impositions have done more to
shroud the original practice of
Communion, so that they
impose restrictions that go far
beyond Biblical mandates.

What made some of the Corinthians unworthy?

- More harm than good is accomplished when they get together as a church (*v.17*)
- There are divisions amongst the people in the church (*v.18-19*)
- They're not really gathering to celebrate the Lord's Supper (*v.20*)

What made some of the Corinthians unworthy?

- Some are being selfish, only satisfying themselves and they don't wait for others (*v.21*)
- Some are practicing gluttony, while others are left with nothing to eat (*v.21-22*)
- Some are getting drunk (*v.21*)

What made some of the Corinthians unworthy?

- The rich are shaming the poor
(v.22)
- Some are starting to say and
teach that the Resurrection from
the dead is a myth (*1 Corinthians
15:12-34*)
- Some don't know God at all! (v.34)

Principle #1

The Lord Jesus welcomes anyone who is looking for mercy, healing, grace, unconditional love, and undeserved love to His table, as long as they come in belief.

Principle #2

**The celebration of Communion
is for believers and followers of
Jesus Christ who are sinners!**

Principle #3

The Lord's Supper was designed to foster Christian unity but because of misinterpretations and misapplications, it not only divided the Corinthians, but it continues to divide believers even today.

Principle #4

The celebration of Communion is given by God to center us in Him thru self examination. It's a remedy for sin and spiritual food for the journey of life.

Principle #5

We have to at least be open to the possibility that when personal and/or corporate sickness and suffering are occurring in the church, that it could be God's response to lovelessness amongst the brothers and sisters.

1 Corinthians 11:30

³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

Looking for Lovelessness:

- **Look Back** (Christ's Death)
- **Look Forward** (Christ's Return)
- **Look Up** (Fellowship with God)
- **Look In** (Self Examination)
- **Look Around** (Fellowship with Other Christians)
- **Look Out** (Loving Others Like Christ has Loved You)

Principle #6

God's judgment on believers in this context isn't for the purpose of eternal condemnation, it's for the purpose of DISCIPLINE so that we won't be eternally condemned.

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