

The Lord's Supper
1 Corinthians 11:17-34
March 31, 2019

The Lord's Supper is not to be taken lightly by the participant. (17–22)

- The Lord's Supper is meant to bring unity to the body (18–19)
 - Divisions (18)
 - When you come together (18, 20, 33, 34)
- The Church at Corinth had no respect for the Supper. They had made it an excuse to practice drunkenness and gluttony. (20–22)
- We are just as guilty when we take the Lord's Supper lightly.
- **Ephesians 5:18** "And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit:"

The Lord's Supper is to bring remembrance to the participant. (23–26)

- Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper during the celebration of the Passover.
- **Exodus 12:13-14**¹³ The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.¹⁴ "This day is to be a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. You are to celebrate it throughout your generations as a permanent statute
- **Luke 22:14–20**¹⁴ When the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him.¹⁵ Then he said to them, "I have fervently desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves.¹⁸ For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁰ In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (See also **Matthew 26:26–30 & Mark 14:22–26**)

- Jesus transformed the Passover meal into the celebration of the infinitely greater deliverance He came to bring, of which the Passover was just a foreshadow.
- Remember “Do (**Imperative**) this in remembrance of me” (24, 25)
 - His death, burial, and resurrection. (The Gospel)
 - Those who led to you becoming a Christian (Those who shared the Gospel)
 - The day you understood and received the Gospel.
 - His faithfulness.
 - **Look back (His death), Look Forward (Until He comes) (26)**

The Lord’s Supper is to be received by the examined participant. (27–34)

- The Lord’s Supper is only for believers
- Before receiving the Lord’s Supper confess any known sin in your life.
- To receive the Lord’s Supper outside of a right relationship with God makes one
 - “will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord” (27)
 - “eats and drinks judgment on himself” (29)
- How can one be in a right relationship with God?
 - The Gospel
 - Examine himself (**Imperative**) THEN eat (**Imperative**) and drink (**Imperative**) (28)