

# Church Directives

## (1) Communion, Unity in Christ

*The origination of Communion...Mt.26:26-29, Mk.14:22-25, Lu.22:14-22*

What is the event at which Communion (The Lords Supper) is begun? Lu.22:7, 14-16

**The 1<sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb was sacrificed. Ex.12:1-14**

What was the Passover feast remembering? Ex.12:42

**It was a remembrance to the Lord for giving Israel freedom from bondage in Egypt.**

What is the Lord's Supper remembering? ICor.11:24,25

**It is a remembrance of the Lord. His sacrifice giving us freedom from the bondage of sin!**

Why is it obvious that the bread and cup are *symbols*, not the actual body/blood? Lu.22:15-20

**Because it was initiated before He suffered. No blood shed at this point. It's a symbol.**

What had Jesus previously taught on this topic? Jn.6:48-58

**I AM the Bread of Life. Salvation requires eating His flesh, drinking His blood.**

And what was the consistent error regarding this statement? Jn.6:52

**They only saw the physical. Blind to the spiritual, i.e. to the physical symbolism.**

*The Corinthian's sinful observance of Communion...ICor.11:17-34*

First of all, why does 'the Church' observe the Lord's Supper? ICor.11:23-26

**He commanded us (the Church) to do this in remembrance (of His death) till He comes.**

What was Paul's assessment of Communion at Corinth? ICor.11:17, 30; 11:22

**It did more harm than good! They were so abusing this time that the Lord was judging.**

What was the 1<sup>st</sup> specific issue Paul identified at Corinth? ICor.11:18

**Their time of Communion was a battleground! They allowed unresolved cliques/jealousy.**

This Communion abuse was just a symptom of what *real issue*? 1:10-17, 3:1-4; Jn.17:21-23

**Believers are to be 'in unity'. It's His design, our testimony to the world. Serious issue!**

What had Jesus taught earlier about this very issue? Mt.5:21-24

**Being angry with your brother (Christian) must be resolved, quickly. Then offering...**

How should we approach this? How do we identify these issues? Jer.17:9-10; Ps.139:23-24

**By honestly seeking the Lord to search/reveal to us. Then we must obey. Hard work!**

What practical observation does Paul make about divisions in the Church? ICor.11:19

**Some divisions are inevitable due to unbelievers in the Church. Discern wheat/tares!**

Next: Communion instructions and warnings