

Church Directives

(2) Communion, Instructions

Paul's instructions to the Church at Corinth...ICor.11:17-34

What (2) concurrent events are being addressed by Paul in this passage? 11:20-22; 11:25

The Lord's Supper (fellowship meal) followed by (after supper, vs.25) Communion.

In general, what other (Jewish) event does this bring to mind? Lu.22:14-22

It's like the Passover meal (supper) followed by the first Communion, bread and cup.

At Corinth, what was the #1 abuse? 11:18 An issue for Lord's Supper or Communion? 11:20-34

THE issue was lack of unity. It corrupted both the Lord's Supper and Communion.

How did this lack of unity erupt at the Supper? 11:20-22, 33-34

Divisions between wealthy / needy. Didn't wait for one another, some drunk, some hungry.

Is total unity always possible? 11:19; Jude vs.12 (see vs.8-16) **Rom.12:18**

No! There will be tares among the wheat. But as far as it depends on you, be at peace!!

What is the first instruction given on how Communion *should* be done? 11:23-24

The bread (symbol of His body) is distributed. Do this in remembrance of Me.

And then what follows? 11:25; Heb.8:6-13

The cup (symbol of New Covenant in His blood) is distributed. Do this in remembrance...

What is one thing that happens at a 'right' communion service? 11:26

Whenever you have communion you proclaim (preach) the Lord's death until He comes.

What warning is given in vs. 27?

A person taking Communion "in an unworthy manner" is guilty of sinning...

How is this to be avoided for each one individually? 11:28

Every person should examine himself BEFORE taking Communion. Ps.139:23-24

What does this examination include? Mt.5:21-24; Ps.139:23-24; IJn.1:9

Get the unity issues resolved. Yield to the Lord's examination. Confess your sins. Then...

What are some consequences for ignoring this examination? 11:30 remember ICor.3:15

Sometimes physical weakness, sickness, and sometimes physical death. Not salvation.

Why does the Lord take such drastic measures? 11:31-32

Self judgment avoids discipline. When He has to judge it's so we're kept from the world!

Implementation questions re Communion:

Should unbelievers be excluded from Communion? see Jude 12...

Communion is for believers. Various methods used: Church members only, 'closed'.

What about children? Proverbs 22:6

No definitive teaching here. Should be special, identified with salvation. Teach it!

Is Communion a requirement for salvation, or final forgiveness? Rom.5:1; 8:1; etc...

Absolutely not! May be required by men's traditions, but not by God's Word. Eph.2:8-9