

I Corinthians

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The Lord's Supper at Corinth...11:17-22

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What's the penetrating questions he raises now? 11:22; 10:32; 11:34; Prov.17:5; James 2:5-6

The Lord's Supper, in truth...11:23-34

What truth had Paul received from the Lord and *already* passed on to them? 11:23-24; Mt.26:26

What was the next part of this truth? 11:25; Mt.26:27-28; Heb.8:6-13

Why is partaking in the Lord's supper *not optional* for a believer? 11:24b, 25b Note: frequency?

And when properly observed, what is preached at Communion? 11:26

What happens if Communion is observed in an *unworthy* manner? 11:27, **29**

Consequently, what's Paul command? 11:28, 31; IICor.13:5; Gal.6:4; IJn.3:20-21

What are we examining ourselves for? Ps.139:23-24; IJn.1:9; Mt.6:14-15; Rom.14:10-12

What might God's judgment look like in this situation? 11:30; Rev.3:19

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What are your personal observations from this passage?

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No praise for them at all! Their 'meetings' were not good. Divisions abounded there.

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Divisions tend to point out who really has God's approval. Identifies the wheat and tares.

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A corrupted Communion (10:16)! The wealthy snubbed the poor. Drunken vs. hungry.

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Do you despise the Church of God, humiliating others? Do you want praise?? No way!

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Jesus broke bread (communion) and made it the symbol of His body, for remembrance.

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The 3rd cup symbolizes the new covenant in His blood. At Calvary the old is replaced...

Why is partaking in the Lord's supper *not optional* for a believer? 11:24b, 25b Note: frequency?

It's not a suggestion! It's a direct command from the Lord. DO THIS in remembrance...

And when properly observed, what is preached at Communion? 11:26

The participants all proclaim (preach) the Lord's death until He comes. Unity, fellowship!

What happens if Communion is observed in an *unworthy* manner? 11:27, **29**

He/she is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord! Judgment on yourself!

Consequently, what's Paul command? 11:28, 31; IICor.13:5; Gal.6:4; IJn.3:20-21

Before partaking of Communion you should examine yourself. Search your heart for sin.

What are we examining ourselves for? Ps.139:23-24; IJn.1:9; Mt.6:14-15; Rom.14:10-12

Wicked ways, unconfessed sin, unresolved bickering w/believers, an unforgiving heart, etc.

What might God's judgment look like in this situation? 11:30; Rev.3:19

Some are weak (physically and/or spiritually), sick, and some die (physically).

Why does the Lord take this *serious* action for believers? 11:32; Heb.12:4-11

We're being disciplined so that we won't be condemned with unbelievers! Our security!!

And his final command? 11:33-34

Do Communion properly!! Don't bring judgment on yourself! More on this when I come.

What are your personal observations from this passage?