

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"The Lord's Supper"
1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Part-19

We could say that this passage is a "Pre-Communion" Checklist!

1 Corinthians 11:2-14:40 Order In The Local Church:

(Which implies that the church is out of order!) Public worship:

Verses 2-16 The chain of guidance of God,

Verses 17-34 Paul speaks about the Lord's Supper.

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Lord's Supper Embodies Our Oneness That Comes Through Faith And Is Maintained Through Faith."

1. Verses 17-22 Reality And Rebuke

2. Verses 23-26 Remember And Rejoice

3. Verses 27-34 Repent And Reconcile

1. Verses 17-22 Reality And Rebuke

1 Corinthians 11:17 But - Paul now makes a change in the direction of his letter. **in giving this instruction**, Paul has just shared about God's plan of authority.

Verses 2-16 There was a problem of **self-assertive women** within the church which **serves as another misuse of rights of liberty**.

you, - Paul is speaking to believers. Christians that were in sin, disobedient but had entered into a relationship with God.

Communion - "*Communing with God, His presence with us*" (*Missing Out*)

I do not praise you, 1 Corinthians 11:2 Now I praise you

The purpose of the minister/preacher is clear: **2 Timothy 4:2**

Communion Is For Believers: because you come together

Acts 2:42 This was called a "*Love Feast*" **Jude 12**

not for the better but for the worse.

Because of clicks that were there in the church.

1 Corinthians 11:18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, - This would be a love feast that they had.

Communion Means We Are United: I hear that divisions exist among you; The term **divisions:** *schisma*, "a split or rip or tear apart" English – "scissors" There were separations in the fellowship.

Where did Paul get his information from?

1 Corinthians 1:11 by Chloe's people,

1 Corinthians 11:19 The word **factions** or **heresies** – The spirit *to take for oneself, a party, take sides.*" Little political groups in the church!

1 Corinthians 11:20 Lord's Table, The Lord's Supper is an expression of the unity of the church. You are acting selfishly with one another."

1 Corinthians 10:16 it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

You can have a so-called Love Feast and then culminate with the so-called Lord's Supper. You can call it that but that is not what it really is.

1 Corinthians 11:21 each one takes his own supper first; (Their own supper, not the Lord's)

and one is hungry - There were some that were hungry.

and another is drunk.

Leviticus 10:1-7 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, God struck them dead!

1 Corinthians 11:22 What! Paul finds it hard to believe that these things were taking place in God's name.

Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink?

Can't you eat at home?

Or do you despise the church of God,

Don't you love God and His people?

In this I will not praise you. How could Paul give thanks and praise for what was going on in the fellowship! **Ephesians 4:15**

2. Verses 23-26 Remember And Rejoice

1 Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, Galatians 1:12

The gospels had not been written until (70 AD) so Paul could not draw from them. It was (55 AD).

that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed

That this event called "The Lord's Supper" took place a few hours before His arrest.

John 13-17 Records what is called "**The Upper Room Discourse**"

took bread; This represents life. That Bread was the staple of food.
John 6:48-51

This bread was physical bread, but it represented the body of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:24 and when He had given thanks, That when we start to think about the Lord's Supper, it is based on thankfulness.

Communion Means Reverence:

He broke it, and said, "This is My body.

Jesus was broken for us. He was torn apart for us! **Isaiah 53:3-7**

which is for you; When we look at the cross it says several things:

1. The Awfulness of Sin
2. The Depths of God's Love
3. The Wages of Sin

Communion We Need To Remember: do this in remembrance of

Me." That we are to remember what Jesus did for us. This is to be brought to our minds.

1 Corinthians 11:25 The **cup** – the wine which represents His blood.

saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood;

Blood – always speaks of life. **Genesis 9:4 its life, that is, its blood.**

new covenant speaks of a new way!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

We are to be reminded that we are His and not our own any longer.

1 Corinthians 11:26 Communion We Rejoice: you proclaim the Lord's death

The idea of joyful sharing of the good news about the debt that was paid.

Communion We Are Expectant: until He comes.

3. Verses 27-34 Repent And Reconcile

1 Corinthians 11:27 Therefore - What is the **Therefore, There for?**

Our oneness is all due to what Jesus has done so we need to remember and rejoice!

unworthy manner – speaks of *actions, the attitude of the person.*
There were those that were selfish only thinking of themselves.

shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

We are like the ones that placed Him on the cross.

1 Corinthians 11:28 Communion Means Self-Evaluation: But a man must examine himself, "to prove," or literally, "to qualify oneself." We should do a spiritual inventory **1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Corinthians 13:5**

and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

You have qualified yourself to eat of the Lord's supper.

1 Corinthians 11:29 Communion Means Be Careful:

For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself,

does not judge the body rightly.

What does that mean? It means two things:

- 1. Understanding the meaning of the symbols.**
- 2. Our concern and care for others who are members with us in this Body.**

1 Corinthians 11:30 For this reason many among you are weak

Some were without strength **and sick,**

and a number sleep. (Acts 5) These were **those that would not heed the weakness and sickness, so God allowed death to come.**

1 Corinthians 11:31-33 If we would do inventory, this will not happen.

1 Corinthians 11:34 Don't make the fellowship a mere mealtime.

Application: 7 Point "Pre-Communion Checklist"

1. Be Saved
2. Be United
3. Be Focused
4. Be Reverent
5. Be Expectant
6. Be Careful
7. Be Inspected