

1 Cor 11:27-34

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

Don't partake of the Lord's Supper "unworthily" (11:27).

He goes on to say that in doing so

- it brings God's judgment,
- resulting in illness or even death (11:28-30).
- Partaking of the Lord's Supper is a serious event (11:31-34).

At least two groups of people that are disqualified from partaking of the Lord's Supper:

One is: the unsaved sinner, unless he repents, John 3:16

Two: the unrepentant believer, who may qualify by obeying 1 John 1:9

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

1 Cor 11:29-34

29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. 34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

When Paul speaks of an unworthy manner,

- He was referring first of all to those who are coming to the table drunken and intoxicated during the community meal.

When we take communion,

- look back, look forward, look inward

Paul says if you take communion in an unworthy manner, you are "guilty,"

James 2:10

10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. (In other words, you break part you broke all,)

Verse 28 says, let a man so examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

Examine - (dokimázō) to test, approve, discern.

Paul is saying to come to the table with an attitude of humility,

Ps 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

There is only one who knows the deepest part of my heart, that's the Lord.

I'd say if you're not saved,

- don't take communion
- Solution: Receive Jesus as your Savior

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He said there were some

- apparently in the church
- who were sick
- they were weak,
- some died

Gal 6:7 that God will not be mocked! To mock means to turn one's nose up at God.

The Corinthians in a sense were

- turning their nose up at God
- by taking communion in an unworthy manner.

But, verse 31,

- if we would judge ourselves,
- if we allow the Lord to examine us,
- we won't be condemned.

Paul concludes in verse 33,

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Jesus prayed in John 17:20-21

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Chapter 12

The greatest untapped power in the universe

- the Holy Spirit!

Jesus promised to give power to the believers. Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

In Mark 16, Jesus tells them to go, then in Luke He tells them to wait:

Luke 24:49

49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

In Acts 1:4 Jesus told some of His followers not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father.

The Lord will equip you when He sends you.

If we're not led by the Spirit, we can become so discouraged

We can't run this race without the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 12:1-11

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, (Spiritual - pneumatikós, we get our English word pneumatic from this word.)

So we see the word “*gifts*” after “spiritual”) The original reading would have been, (“Now brethren, concerning spirituals I do not want you to be ignorant”)

Usually when Paul says something as he does here in chapter 12 verse 1, “I don’t want you to be ignorant,”

- he’s saying they are ignorant in certain areas.

2 You know that you were Gentiles (or Pagans), carried away to these dumb idols however you were led.

Paul reminds them that as Pagans they followed demons as part of their religious practices.

1 Cor 10:19-21

19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? 20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. (You can't say you're a Christian and be married to the world)

Matt 6:24

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

When speaking of dumb idols:

He may have had Isa 46:7 in mind speaking of idols, They bear it on the shoulder, they carry it And set it in its place, and it stands; From its place it shall not move. Though one cries out to it, yet it cannot answer Nor save him out of his trouble.

Hab 2:18

"What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, The molded image, a teacher of lies, That the maker of its mold should trust in it, To make mute idols?

Prior to us coming to Christ,

- we were led by something other than Christ.

James 3:14-17

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (that was some of us) 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

As believers we are to be led by the Holy Spirit!

There are 3 Greek prepositions used in the Holy Spirit's working in the believer: "Para" (with), John 14:16-17 - ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with (Gk. "para") you and will be in (Gk. "en") you.

- "en" (in), Rom 8:11
- the third preposition concerning the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is the word

- “Epi” (upon). Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon (Epi) you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Notice that Paul does not say that no one calls Jesus accursed. He says that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed.

Many call Jesus accursed today. People hate the name of Jesus, they Christians who profess the name of Jesus.

Christianpost.com (April 2021)

Christian universities are fighting a lawsuit filed by an LGBT legal group, which seeks to strip federal financial aid from college students for attending faith-based universities that espouse biblical beliefs on marriage, gender and sexuality.

Attacks are coming from all angles:

This shouldn't be a surprise to us:

Rom 1:29-32

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (sounds like today's world. Look at this list, these are the people cannot say Jesus is Lord.)

But in the context of which Paul is speaking to the Corinthians:

He's probably referring to a time

- prior to their salvation when they worshipped their idol gods
- while cursing the name of Jesus.

When we get to chapter 14 and verse 32 we'll read that the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

In other words, the prophet is under his own control.

- One of the fruits of the spirit is self-control,

Paul goes on and says that no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

When something is the work of the Spirit, Jesus will be magnified.

Jesus said:

John 15:26

26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

One of the most frustrating things for a Christian

- is when they try to do things on their own apart from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, apart from me, you can do nothing!

In acts 4:31 we see that they (followers of Christ) prayed for boldness, then the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

If a person doesn't have the Holy Spirit directing him and strengthening him, they're weak!

Paul said in Romans 7,

- that the things that he wanted to do he didn't do
- and the things he didn't want to do those he did do.

In the chapter 8 he speaks of the transformation that a person experiences when he lives according to the Spirit.

Rom 8:1

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

He says there is no condemnation

- then in the very last verse of the same chapter
- he says there is no separation.

Rom 8:39 he says that nothing:

shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So he opened chapter 8 with no condemnation and closed with no separation.

- You can't be condemned nor can you be separated!