

# L108 | I Corinthians | The Lord's Supper | I Cor. 11:17-34

## I. Intro/Review:

- Follow Paul as he follows Christ
  - Free from all, servant to all
  - Made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some
  - Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth

## II. Preview:

- The Lord's Supper
  1. Reproof - 1 Cor. 11:17-20
  2. Correction - 1 Cor. 11:21-32
  3. Instruction in Righteousness - 1 Cor. 11:33-34

## III. Sermon:

- **The Lord's Supper**

**Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.  
{1 Corinthians 11:17}**

### 1. Reproof - 1 Cor. 11:17-20

- Phrases/Words/Expressions
  - (:17) - "I praise you not - ye come together...for the worse"
  - (:18) - "there be divisions among you"
  - (:19) - "must be also heresies among you"
  - (:20) - "this is not to eat the Lord's supper."
- **"Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not"**
  - Php. 4:8-9 - "...if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."
  - **"praise"** - commendation bestowed on a person for his personal virtues or worthy actions
    - Rom. 15:11 - "...laud Him, all ye people."
    - 1 Cor. 11:2 - "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you."
    - 1 Cor. 11:22 - "...shall I praise you in this? I praise you not."
- **"in this" - "that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse."**

- The church is to "come together"
  1. Come together for the better (:17)
  2. Come together in the church (:18)
  3. Come together into one place (:20)
  1. Come together perfectly joined together (1 Cor. 1:10) - not divisions
  2. Come together in the same mind and same judgment from fellowship of His Son (1 Cor. 1:9-10) - not heresies
  3. Come together unto the Lord (1 Cor. 1:9; Rom. 14) - not to eat the Lord's supper
  
- **"not for the better, but for the worse."**
  - For better or for worse they are the Lord's (1 Cor. 6)
  - Called to come together for the better
  
  - **"better"** - (1x) useful, serviceable, advantageous; excellent (Php. 3; 2 Cor. 3)
    - 1 Cor. 12:31 - "best"
    - Heb. 1:4 - "better than"
    - Heb. 6:9 - "better things", 7:19 - "better hope", 7:22 - "better testament", 8:6 - "better covenant/better promises", 9:23 - "better sacrifices", 10:34 - "heave - better...substance", 11:16 - "better country", 11:35 - "better resurrection"
  
    - Engage in the things of Christ - the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord
  
  - **"worse"** - less; inferior
    - 2 Cor. 12:15 - "though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved."
    - Lack of love - charity in 1 Cor. 13
    - Rom. 12-15

**For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.  
{1 Corinthians 11:18}**

- **"For first of all"** - further explanation of the reproof, the heart of the matter, divisions is why worse
  
- **"when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you"**
  - **"hear"** - 1 Cor. 1:11, 1 Cor. 5:1
  
  - **"divisions"** - schisma (schism); rent (garment)
    - Jn. 9:16, 10:19
    - 1 Cor. 1:10
    - 1 Cor. 3:1-4
  
  - **"and I partly believe it."** - in regard to this (not measure)

- "in this respect" - 2 Cor. 3:10
- "particularly" - Heb. 9:5
- "behalf" - 2 Cor. 9:3; 1 Pet. 4:16

**For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.  
{1 Corinthians 11:19}**

- **"For there must be also heresies among you"**
  - **"heresies"** - sect (Acts 5:17),
    - Gal. 5:20 - works of the flesh (1 Cor. 3)
    - 2 Pet. 2:1 - damnable heresies
      - Denying
      - Consequence
    - 1 Cor. 1:9-10ff
    - That opinion different than the church, or a doctrine contrary to scripture, or behavior not according to godliness
- **"that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."**
  - God permits, God allows heresies to identify the approved and manifest them
    - (:30) - **"weak, and sickly among you, and many sleep."**

**When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.  
{1 Corinthians 11:20}**

- **"When ye come together therefore into one place"**
  - Conclusion of the reproof of their coming together
- **"this is not to eat the Lord's supper."**
  1. They are coming together
  2. They are coming together and eating a supper
  3. They are coming together but not eating the Lord's supper
    - Coming with divisions and heresies
  - The following verses of correction (:21-32) reveal their supper isn't the Lord's
    - **"every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken."**
    - 1 Cor. 4:8 - "Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us:"

#### **IV. Conclusion:**