

1st Corinthians 11:27-34

Contemplative Communion

1st Corinthians 11:17-34 NKJV –

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

1st Corinthians 11:17-34 NKJV –

19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

1st Corinthians 11:17-34 NKJV –

21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

1st Corinthians 11:17-34 NKJV –

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

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25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

1st Corinthians 11:17-34 NKJV –

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.

Big Picture

Love God and Love others

(Matthew 22:37–39, Mark 12:30)

How we love others,

reveals how we love God. (1 John 4:20)

RECAP - Passover / New Covenant / Wedding

Relationship = I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. - (Jeremiah 31:33)

Redemption = For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more - (Jeremiah 31:34)

Vs.25

- This new covenant, ratified with Christ's blood, shed once for all (Heb 9:26; 10:10)
- God appointed Jesus as the mediator of this covenant (Heb 7:22; 8:6; Rom 3:25)

Vs.27 So then whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a way that is unworthy [of Him] will be guilty of [profaning and sinning against] the body and blood of the Lord.

- A Solemn Warning

(cf. Acts 7:52; Heb 6:6; 10:29)

Vs.28 But a person must [prayerfully] examine himself [and his relationship to Christ], and only when he has done so should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

- A Self Examination and Self Aware

(2Cor 13:5-6, Psalm 15, 51, 1 Jn 1:9)

Vs.29 For anyone who eats and drinks
[without solemn reverence and heartfelt
gratitude for the sacrifice of Christ], eats
and drinks a judgment on himself if he
does not recognize the body [of Christ].

- **Judgement** (Jas 5:14-16)

Vs.30 That [careless and unworthy participation] is the reason why many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep [in death].

sleep = death (2 Corinthians 5:8, Isaiah 14:9-11, Matthew 17:1-8, John 11:11,14, Acts 13:36 , 1 Peter 3:18, Revelation 6:10)

Vs.31 But if we evaluated and judged ourselves honestly [recognizing our shortcomings and correcting our behavior], we would not be judged

Self aware, self correct (Matthew 7:3-5)

Vs.32 But when we [fall short and] are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined [by undergoing His correction] so that we will not be condemned [to eternal punishment] along with the world.

**Correction is not condemnation,
It's divine discipline in Love**

(Deut. 8:5, Job 5:17, Prov. 3:11, Heb. 12:5)

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You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him." - (**Deuteronomy 8:5-6**)

Correction is not condemnation, It's divine discipline in Love

Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects;
Therefore do not despise the chastening of the
Almighty. For He bruises, but He binds up; He
wounds, but His hands make whole.

- **(Job 5:17-18 NKJV)**

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11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; 12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights. 13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; - **(Proverbs 3:11-13 NKJV)**

Hebrews 12:5-8 NKJV -

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

Hebrews 12:5-8 NKJV -

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Vs.33 So then, my brothers and sisters,
when you come together to eat [the
Lord's Supper], wait for one another [and
see to it that no one is left out].

Servant hearted in all we do

(Acts 20:35, Ephesians 4:12, Galatians 5:13,
Mark 9:35, Matthew 20:28, 25:35)

Vs.34 If anyone is too hungry [to wait], let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment [on yourselves]. About the remaining matters [of which I was informed], I will take care of them when I come.

Spiritual rather than physical nourishment.

(Matthew 4:3, John 4:32)

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)