

# 1st Corinthians 11:17-22

## Corrupt 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.

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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.



**Vs.17**

**for the worse (Hebrews 10:25)**

**divisions ... (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)**

**Vs.18 - 19**

**divisions** (Matthew 18:7)

**factions = heresies** (2 Peter 2:1)

**recognized** (1 John 2:19)

**God allows to show true character and love**

## Vs.20-22

**“agape feasts”** - regular part of the early church. (Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7,11)

**problems at the feast** (Jude 12; 2 Pet 2:13)

**me before you...** I do not praise you.

**lovers of self** (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

# 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)

our **faith** is revealed by our **works** (James 2:18)

our **beliefs** are revealed by our **deeds** (Luke 6:46)

our **love** for Him is revealed by our **love** for  
others (1 John 4:20)

## Micah 6:8 AMP

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the Lord require of you  
Except to be just, and to love [and to diligently  
practice] kindness (compassion),  
And to walk humbly with your God [setting aside  
any overblown sense of importance or self-  
righteousness]?



## Matthew 22:36-40 NKJV

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”



“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)