

# What is the Church?

Baptism, Communion, Membership, Discipleship



## Communion

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34

### A WARNING

- To “examine” yourself is to “\_\_\_\_\_ and find \_\_\_\_\_” your behavior toward other Christians.
- God disciplines those he \_\_\_\_\_, and his discipline is to \_\_\_\_\_ us up, and protect us from further damaging ourselves and others.
- The warnings are directed against those who are not adequately \_\_\_\_\_ their Christian brothers or sisters and providing for their \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ needs.

### THE POINT

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ’s saving work for us through his death.
2. Christian \_\_\_\_\_ that celebrates our unity and equality in Christ, because of the gospel.

### COMING TO THE TABLE

- This is a time for \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- All \_\_\_\_\_ sinners are \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Lord’s Supper is \_\_\_\_\_ to true \_\_\_\_\_.

### WHAT WE DO IN THE LORD’S SUPPER

1. Look \_\_\_\_\_ (to Christ’s death)
2. Look \_\_\_\_\_ (self-examination)
3. Look \_\_\_\_\_ (fellowship with God)
4. Look \_\_\_\_\_ (fellowship with each other)
5. Look \_\_\_\_\_ (to Christ’s return)
6. Look \_\_\_\_\_ (to proclaim Christ)

The Lord’s Supper is a \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

<sup>17</sup> In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. <sup>18</sup> In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup> No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God’s approval. <sup>20</sup> So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord’s Supper you eat, <sup>21</sup> for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup> Don’t you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. <sup>32</sup> Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. <sup>34</sup> Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

And when I come I will give further directions.

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