



Ruined! (Part 1)

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Big Idea

Wealth distinction in our worship will always ruin our communion together with Christ.

Outline

You and I can ruin communion if...

1. We downplay division (18–19).
2. We highlight hierarchy (20–22).
3. We miss the meaning (23–26).

Reflect

- At the root of the Corinthians' behavior was a self-centered elitism which led to divisiveness. What divisions are you likely to downplay? What steps can you take to bridge the gap rather than widen the gap?
- Also at the root of the Corinthians' behavior was selfish indulgence. Their base appetite led them to disregard and humiliate the poor by partaking of the meal without them. Has your selfish indulgence brought harm to any of your relationships? What does repentance look like for you?
- Are there specific ways this week that you can imitate Jesus by becoming "poor" so that others by your poverty might become "rich" (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9).

Pray

- Pray for an others-centered heart that delights in serving others.
- Pray for a gospel-shaped church where everyone is willing to be made "poor" so that others might be made "rich".
- Praise God for the promise of a new covenant (Jer. 31:31–34) in which Jesus has secured our forgiveness by giving his body and blood for us (1 Cor. 11:24–25).

Discuss

- What's the situation that Paul addresses in this passage? What wrong behavior led him to write this passage?
- What sinful heart attitude is at the root of their behavior?
- What is it about the Corinthians' behavior that is so directly at odds with the nature of the gospel?
- How has your understanding of communion been informed, enriched, or challenged by this week's sermon?
- Read Jeremiah 31:31–34, a prophecy of the New Covenant, symbolized in the cup of communion (11:25). How does this passage give us hope even as we battle sin, such as the sins of self-centeredness and selfish indulgence?