

TRUE MEANING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (ESV)

*But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup>For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, <sup>19</sup>for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup>For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup>What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. <sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. <sup>33</sup>So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another- <sup>34</sup>if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home-so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.*

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (ESV)

❖ Truth of Today:

- To UNDERSTAND the Lord's Supper: You must REMEMBER what it shows.

*... 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."*

1 Corinthians 11:24 (ESV)

❖ The Lord's Supper Shows:

1. The CROSS.

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes"*

1 Corinthians 11:26 (ESV)

*... 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."*

1 Corinthians 11:24 (ESV)

## 2. God's PLAN.

*... the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread...*

1 Corinthians 11:23 (ESV)

*And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull...*

Matthew 27:33 (ESV)

*"I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup>I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he."*

John 13:18-19 (ESV)

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. <sup>23</sup>One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, <sup>24</sup>so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup>So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."*

John 13:21-27 (ESV)

*"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."*

John 10:17-18 (ESV)

*"... this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."*

Acts 2:23 (ESV)

## 3. The GOSPEL.

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*... if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home-so that when you come together it will not be for judgment.*

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*For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.*

1 Corinthians 11:21 (ESV)

*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.*

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (ESV)

*But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?*

1 John 3:17 (ESV)

#### 4. Your LOVE for Christ.

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*Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

1 Corinthians 11:28 (ESV)