

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 11-8-20
How should we approach the Lord's Table?
I Corinthians 11:17-34

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) The Church at Corinth and Communion.
- 2) How we do – what we do – sometimes reveals why we do it!
- 3) Why do you come to church?

b. Taking a look ahead:

2. Paul addresses what has been going on: I Corinthians 11:17-22

a. Back Story: Verse 17

- 1) “Now in this” –

b. “divisions: Verse 18

- 1) “there be divisions among you” – speaks of a split or a gap in the body.
- 2) Paul identifies that there were cliques in the church.

c. “heresies” Verse 19

- 1) “For there must be also heresies among you” –
 - a) What do they reveal?
 - b) Application –
- 2) Verse 20 – What were they thinking about?
 - a) What's missing here?
 - b) How would they respond?

3. The Lord's Table: I Corinthians 11:23-34

a. Ordinances that the church observes today:

- 1) The Lord's Supper and Baptism.

b. Notice how Paul introduces this: Verse 23

- 1) “For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you...”
- 2) Notice the context provided in verse 23 –
 - a) His eyes were not on his present circumstances but on His disciples.

c. The bread: Verse 23-24

- 1) Jesus used the bread as a symbol of His body –
 - a) I Corinthians 15:1-4

- 2) “take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me”

d. The cup: Verse 25

- 1) “This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as you drink it in remembrance of me.”
 - a) Leviticus 17:11 –
 - b) Hebrews 9:12 –

c) I Peter 1:18-19 –

e. Often there is a timing question: Verse 26

4. Preparation of heart is needed: Verse 27-32

a. “unworthily” is unwise:

1) We do not have to be worthy to partake but we cannot partake in an unworthy manner.

2) “unworthily” – Irreverently, not considering the significance.

3) “shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord” – Verse 27

b. Personal examination: Verse 28

1) “examine” – to test to approve, to discern.

c. The danger I real if you don’t judge yourself: Verse 29

1) Eating and drinking unworthily is to bring judgment upon yourself.

2) Why? –

3) Verse 30 – “For this cause many are weak, and sickly among you, and many sleep.”

d. The principle here is simple: Verse 31

1) “For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged”

2) Hebrews 12:5-11 – Why does God chasten us? He has a purpose!