



## **Message Series Guide**

### **Imperfect Church – I Corinthians**

#### **Part 18 – The Lord's Supper**

#### **I Corinthians 11:17-34**

It's been said, "The main thing is to make sure the main thing is the main thing." The question, of course, is, "What is the main thing?" The answer in the Christian life is that the "main thing" is the person and work of Jesus Christ. It is very fitting that Paul ends this long section in chapter 11 by holding up a mirror before the Corinthians and allowing them to see how they were behaving at the Table of the Lord. Nothing is more revealing than to see what our attitude is when we come to the Lord's Supper. Paul's point is that we are to approach the Lord's Supper thankfully, worshipfully and humbly.

### **READ:**

**I Corinthians 11:17-34 • Acts 2:46 • Matthew 5:23-24 • Jeremiah 31:34 • Exodus 24:3-8  
Hebrews 8:3-12; 9:18-26; 13:20:21 • I Peter 1:1-2**

- What caused Paul to write to the Corinthians about the Lord's Supper? In what specific ways were the believers in Corinth not observing the Lord's Supper correctly?
- What does Paul mean in verse 19 that there were division among them? How can a church body maintain unity even when there are differences of opinions?
- What does verse 21 tell us about the attitude of the Corinthians in taking the Lord's Supper? What is the solution that Paul offers so that they wouldn't use the Lord's Supper as merely a place to fill their appetites and thirst?
- Who originally instituted the Lord's Supper? From what festival/feast did the Lord's Supper originate and what is the connection between the two?
- What is the bread? What does it mean that this is His body? Why do we take it?
- What is the cup? What does it mean that it is His blood? Why do we take it?
- What should we remember when we take the Lord's Supper? How often should it be practiced? Who can take the Lord's Supper?
- Define what Paul meant by taking the Lord's Supper in an "unworthy manner". How does taking the Lord's Supper in an "unworthy manner" make one "guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord"? What must we do first before we take the Lord's Supper?

### **DISCUSS:**

- What is the most memorable communion service you've ever participated in? What made it so special?
- Paul instructions included a spiritual examination of our walk with the Lord. Is it spiritually and emotionally healthy to think often of our own sin and depravity? Why/why not?
- What are some practical ways the Lord's Supper can impact our daily life?
- Practically, how can we keep communion from becoming an empty ritual?
- What has this chapter taught you overall about the worship that is honoring and dishonoring to God?

### **PRAY:**

Pray that you would develop a thankful, worshipful, and humble heart as you approach the Lord's Supper.

### **RESPOND:**

What is at least one thing you already do or plan to do the next time you participate in the Lord's Supper based on what you've studied this week?



**Sermon Notes**  
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1. We come to the Lord's Supper with love for One Another.
2. We come to the Lord's Supper to Remember.
  - We remember Jesus
  - We remember the Sacrifices of Jesus
  - We remember that our Sins are Forgiven
  - We remember Jesus is Coming Again
3. We come the Lord's Supper Often.
4. We come to the Lord's Supper Humbly.