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Lord’s Supper

1 Corinthains 11:23-29 (CSB)

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 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.” 25 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.” 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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27 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. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Ancient Corinth



Your church meetings do more harm than good!

- Paul writes them to correct them. 1 Cor. 11:17, *“Now in giving this instruction I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse.”*
- V.18, The problem… divisions. *Schismata*. Division, tear, rip.
- The solution… Lord’s Supper.
- 3 truths:
  - Lord’s Supper brings unity;
  - Centers on Christ;
  - Invites self-examination.

I. The Lord's Supper brings unity.

- V. 17-22. The problem of divisions during the Lord's Supper between rich and poor.
- Corinth was similar to our culture today: Highly Individualistic.
- But Jesus' body was torn open so that His church might be one. Jesus' flesh was separated so we would never be. Our unity in Christ comes at a cost: the body and blood of Jesus.
- In v.22, Paul challenges their value of individuality.
- Lord's Supper is a time to be brought together in our commonality:
  - We are all made by God. We are all sinners. We all need redemption in Jesus. Jesus makes redemption possible to us all.

II. The Lord's Supper is centered on Christ.

- 1 Cor. 11:23-26.
- Michael Green's 6 directions of the Lord's Supper:
  1. Look back (to Christ's death at Golgotha)
  2. Look in (self-examination)
  3. Look up (fellowship with God)
  4. Look around (fellowship with each other)
  5. Look forward (to Christ's return)
  6. Look outward (to proclaim God's word to others)
- ***<u>It's all about Jesus.</u>***
- *"Christ's blood demonstrated that he accepted the wrath we deserved to experience and so made possible for us peace with God. In doing so, He inaugurated the new covenant that had been prophesied."* – Craig Blomberg.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (CSB)

“Look, the days are coming” — this is the Lord’s declaration —
“when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with
*the house of Judah. **32**This one will not be like the covenant I made*
with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to lead them
out of the land of Egypt — my covenant that they broke even though
*I am their master” — the Lord’s declaration. **33**“Instead, this is the*
covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days” — the
Lord’s declaration. “I will put my teaching within them and write it
*on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **34**No*
longer will one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, ‘Know the
Lord,’ for they will all know me, from the least to the greatest of
them” — this is the Lord’s declaration. “For I will forgive their iniquity
and never again remember their sin.

III. The Lord's Supper invites self-examination.

- 1 Cor. 11:27-34.
- To Examine = "test and find approved"
- Lord's Supper invites a reverent time of self-examination.
- What is "an unworthy manner?"
- Paul: examine yourselves!
  - See: Sermon on Mount, Matthew 5-7
- ***If God shows me I'm unreconciled to a sister or brother, will I obey God's voice to make it right before I partake of Lord's Supper?***

Recap

- The Lord's Supper *brings unity*, *centers us on Christ*, and *invites self-examination*.
- To Corinth and their problem of division between rich and poor, God gives them the gift of the Lord's Supper.
- To us today and our problem of many divisions, God gives us the gift of the Lord's Supper.