

The Lord's Table: More Than Crackers and Juice

(1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

Summary: Paul Addresses Three Problems and Uses Communion as the Truth to Bring the Three Needed Solutions

The Common Thread – “ _____ ”

I. The Three-Fold Problem at Corinth

- A.** _____ (17-19)
_____ – divisions by wrong attitudes or choices
_____ – deviations from orthodox teaching
- B.** _____ (20-21)
- C.** _____ of the Assembly of God (22)

II. The Example and Commands of the Lord Jesus

A. The _____ of His Commands (23; John 13)

“in the night in which He was _____”

He had just washed the feet of those that would:

- _____ Him,
- _____ Him, and
- _____ Him!

B. The Meaning of the Bread (24)

“this is my _____ ... _____ _____”

C. The Meaning of the Cup (25)

“This cup is the _____ in My blood.”

D. The Extent of the Commands (26)

_____ (“this do [command] in remembrance of Me”)

_____ (“as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup”)

_____ (“you proclaim the Lord's death”)

_____ (“till He comes”)

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III. Paul's Condemnation and Solutions to the Problem

A. Condemnation (27)

B. Command #1 – Examination (28)

(Solution to Problem #1 – Separations)

Examine for what? Is this a call for the general evaluation and confession of sin?

Does a believer choose to participate?

C. Explanation (29, cp 34))

His “for you” body! (24)

1 Cor 10:17 – For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

1 Cor 12:12-14 – ¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free -- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many. (12:12-27 – How many times is “body” used?)

D. Chastisement (30-32)

Jesus takes division in His body _____.

Jesus takes the treatment of His body _____.

“Saul, Saul. Why are you persecuting _____?”

E. Commands #2 & #3 (33-34)

(Solutions to Problems #2 & #3)

1. **Solution for Shaming** – _____ for one another (33)
2. **Solution for Selfishness** – _____ at home (34)