

Paul on Communion

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise [you,] since you come together not for the better but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of [others;] and one is hungry and another is drunk.

22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise [you.]

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the [same] night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke [it] and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same manner [He] also [took] the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink [it,] in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks [this] cup of the Lord in an **unworthy manner** will be **guilty** of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For he who eats and drinks in an **unworthy manner** eats and drinks **judgment** to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this reason many [are] weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would **judge** ourselves, we would not be **judged**.

32 But when we are **judged**, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for **judgment**. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

Repeating Phrase: "Come Together"

17 since you come together not for the better but for the worse

18 when you come together as a church

20 when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper

33 when you come together to eat

34 lest you come together for judgment

List of Troubles:

18 divisions among you

19 factions among you

20 not the Lord's Supper

21 one takes his own supper ahead of [others] and one is hungry and another is drunk.

22 despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing?

Jesus' Example:

23 on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread

24 had given thanks

24 "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you;"

24 "do this in remembrance of Me."

25 took the cup after supper

25 "This cup is the new covenant in My blood."

25 "This do, as often as you drink [it,] in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat..drink

26 you proclaim the Lord's **death** till He comes.

One Problem:

27 eats/drinks in unworthy manner = guilty of body and blood of the Lord.

29 unworthy manner – judgment to himself
29 not discerning the Lord's **body**

30 many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

Paul's General Solution:

28 examine himself, and eat/drink

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Paul's Direct Solution:

33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.