





Key Thoughts of Communion

1 Corinthians 11:17-34



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- ▶ *Paul Addresses a Problem (17-22)*
- ▶ *Paul Explains the Truth (23-36)*
- ▶ *Paul Rebukes Reality (27-32)*
- ▶ *Paul Gives a 2-Command Solution (33-34)*

THE BREAD – 2 Key Thoughts

1. Salvation

- Jesus' sacrificial payment ("my body")
- Jesus' substitutionary payment ("for you")
- Jesus' propitiating payment (1 John 2:2; lamb of God)

2. Connection ("one body")

- "guilty of the body..." (27)
- "not discerning the Lord's body" (29)
- "For we, *though* many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread." (1 Cor. 10:17)
- *We are to see ourselves as one body, committed to one another and functioning as Christ's body with His sacrificial care towards one another.*
- *Wait* for one another (33)
- *Prepare* for one another (34)
- *Die* for one another (1 John 3:16)

THE CUP – 1 Key Thought

Provision

- "this cup is the New Testament in (by) My blood"
- Jesus' death activated the covenant
- Jesus' death provides the blessings of the covenant (now and future)



BOTH – 1 Key Thought

Anticipation

- ▶ “you show the Lord’s death until He comes”
- ▶ Future focus
- ▶ Accountability focus
- ▶ Hope focus
- ▶ Promise of the completion of our salvation