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## 4 Reasons for Communion

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34

### 1. To Remember Jesus' Sacrifice (23-25):

- as the pattern for our selflessness (23) "...betrayed..."
- as the payment for our sins (24) "...for us..."
- as the procurement of our blessings (25) "...new covenant..."

### 2. To Reaffirm Our Focus (24-26):

- provides a continual reminder of Him!
- proclaims His death with all of its meaning and mandates (26) "proclaim His death"
- reminds us of His return and our accountability to Him (26) "till He comes," 1 John 2:28
- corrects our focus continually on our proper actions toward others
- reminds us of the temporary nature of this life (2 Pet 3:10-13)

### 3. To Review Our Own Actions (27-32)

- To eat & drink in light of Christ's actions (27)
- To examine yourself, not others (28)
- To eat & drink – no option not to participate (28)
- To evaluate your actions toward the body (29)
- To expect God's judgment if you do not (29-32)

### 4. To Reinforce Our Connection to One Another

- by embracing our mutual connection (29; 10:17; Chapter 12)
- by committing to come together (17, 18, 20, 33, 34; Heb 3:12-13; 10:24-25)
- by caring for others before ourselves (20-22, 33-34; Phil 2:1-7)

## 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 [sxismata] among you, and in part I believe it.

19 For there must also be factions [hairesis] 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 [kataphroneo] 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.

## BREAD

- Jesus' Sacrifice
- Our Focus
- Our Actions
- Our Connection

## CUP

- Jesus' Sacrifice
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