

# The Lord's Supper

## 1 Corinthians 11:17–34

**1** *Paul rebuked the way the Corinthians were celebrating the Lord's Supper*

**2** *The corruption of the Lord's Supper*

a. Divisions and cliques, factions and parties corrupt

b. Self-deception corrupts

c. Selfishness and indulgence and neglect of the poor corrupt

d. Abusing the sanctity of the church and shaming the poor corrupt

**3** *The real meaning of the Lord's Supper*

a. The meaning of the bread

17 In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good.

18 In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

19 No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.

20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat,

21 For as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk.

22 Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!

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."

<p>b. The meaning of the cup</p> <p>c. The reason for observing the Lord's Supper</p>	<p>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."</p> <p>26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.</p>
<p><b>4 <i>The severe consequences of partaking unworthily of the Lord's Supper</i></b></p> <p>a. A person becomes guilty of (profanes) the Lord's death</p> <p>b. A person condemns himself if he does not examine his heart for unconfessed sin</p> <p>c. A person is disciplined, chastened by the Lord</p>	<p>27 Therefore, 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.</p> <p>28 A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.</p> <p>29 For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.</p> <p>30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.</p>
<p><b>5 <i>The right approach to the Lord's Supper</i></b></p> <p>a. Judge — examine self</p> <p>b. Accept the disciplining of the Lord</p> <p>c. Serve one another</p> <p>d. Do not bring judgment upon yourselves</p>	<p>31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.</p> <p>32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.</p> <p>33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other.</p> <p>34 If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.</p>