

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Based on the command of Christ #42 – “Take, eat and drink”

1 Cor. 11:17-30 (NKJV)

17 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<sup>[c]</sup> 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.

1 Cor. 11:1 - “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ”

### I. WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

Acts 2:42 (NKJV) - And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1 Cor. 11:23-26 (NKJV)

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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.

## **II. HOW SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?**

1 Cor. 11:29 (NKJV) - For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats

1 Cor. 11:29 (NASB) - For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

1 Cor. 11:20 (NKJV) - Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

### **1. They were not regarding others first!**

1 Cor. 11:21 (NKJV) - For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

1 Cor. 11:19 (NKJV) - For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

Mark 9:34-35 (NKJV)

34 But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest.

35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

Matt 20:22 (NKJV) - But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink... ?

1 Cor. 11:26 (NKJV) - For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Eph 1:22-23 (NKJV)

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,  
23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## **2. They were not discerning all of what was purchased on the cross through the crucifixion of Jesus' literal body!**

1 Cor. 11:30 - For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

1 Cor. 11:31

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.

1 Cor. 11:31(NIV) - But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

Rom. 6:22-23 - But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is *real life*, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.