

Communion Correction

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

- I. **Introduction (1:1-9)**
- II. **Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)**
- III. **Questions Raised (7:1-16:4)**
 - d. Issues for Worship (11:2-34)

A. Rebuke of offences at communal meals (1 Cor. 11:17-22)

Cultural note: In the first few centuries of the church, it was a common practice to share a communal meal before celebrating the Lord's Supper. This common meal was often called the love feast.

Corinthian error: Some church members at Corinth were neglecting the poor among them and getting drunk at their communal meals, which dishonored Christ in several ways.

Different names for the same thing:

- Communion (1 Cor. 10:16)
- The cup of the Lord/The Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21)
- The Eucharist (1 Cor. 11:24, *eucharisteō* means to give thanks)
- The Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20)

B. Instruction in the significance of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

v23 – Where did this come from?

v24-25 – What did Jesus call attention to?

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v26 – What are we doing when we eat and drink?

** What is the stated purpose for observing the Lord's Supper?*

** Why would Jesus instruct His church to remember His death?*

C. Correction to honor the Lord with the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:27-34)

v27-29 – What is the correction needed for those eating and drinking unworthily?

v30-32 – What is the correction needed for those who are subject to the Lord's chastening?