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# COMMUNION WITH GOD

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## Part 2 – Looking Back at Christ's Death and Resurrection



**1 Corinthians 11:23-33**

# **1 Corinthians 11:23**

**23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself.**

**On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread**

# 1 Corinthians 11:24

<sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it.  
Then he broke it in pieces and  
said, “This is my body, which is  
given for you. Do this in  
remembrance of me.”

# 1 Corinthians 11:25

**25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people - an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.”**

# 1 Corinthians 11:26

<sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

# **1 Corinthians 11:27**

**27 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.**

# **1 Corinthians 11:28**

**28 That is why you should  
examine yourself before eating  
the bread and drinking the cup.**

# **1 Corinthians 11:29**

**29 For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.**



# 1 Corinthians 11:30

<sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

# 1 Corinthians 11:31

<sup>31</sup> But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.

# 1 Corinthians 11:32

<sup>32</sup> Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

# **Communion Related Misconceptions**

- **Can only be performed by certain Christians in a certain office.**
- **The Bible gives a specific “how to” of conducting Communion.**

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- **There is a specific frequency of the celebration that is commanded in the Bible.**
- **God does not want believers who are in sin or struggling with sin to take Communion.**

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- You must dress special for Communion Sunday.
- So long as you don't take Communion, God won't judge you.

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<sup>27</sup> So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord *[while being]*



**guilty of sinning** *[is]* **unworthy**  
*[of partaking in]* the body and  
blood of the Lord *[in Communion]*

# **Terrible Misapplication**

**Various Cultural, Traditional,  
and Denominational**

**impositions have done more to  
shroud the original practice of  
Communion, so that they  
impose restrictions that go far  
beyond Biblical Mandates!**

# What made some of the Corinthians unworthy?

- More harm than good is accomplished when they get together as a church (*v.17*)
- There are divisions amongst the people in the church (*v.18-19*)
- They're not really gathering to celebrate the Lord's Supper (*v.20*)

# What made some of the Corinthians unworthy?

- Some are being selfish, only satisfying themselves and they don't wait for others (*v.21*)
- Some are practicing gluttony, while others are left with nothing to eat (*v.21-22*)
- Some are getting drunk (*v.21*)

# What made some of the Corinthians unworthy?

- The rich are shaming the poor (v.22)
- Some are starting to say and teach that the Resurrection from the dead is a myth (*1 Corinthians 15:12-34*)
- Some don't know God at all! (v.34)

# Examining Ourselves

- **Look Back** (Christ's Death)
- **Look Forward** (Christ's Return)
- **Look Up** (Fellowship with God)
- **Look In** (Self Examination)
- **Look Around** (Fellowship with Other Christians)
- **Look Out** (Loving Others Like Christ has Loved You)

# Key Verses

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# Principle #1

**The Lord Jesus welcomes anyone who is looking for forgiveness, mercy, healing, grace, and unconditional and undeserved love to His table as long as they come in belief.**

# Principle #2

**The celebration of Communion is  
for followers of Jesus Christ who  
are sinners!**

# Principle #3

The Lord's Supper was designed to foster Christian unity but because of misinterpretations and misapplications, it not only divided the Corinthians, but it continues dividing followers of Jesus Christ even today.

# Principle #4

The celebration of Communion is given by God to center us in Him through self-examination. It's a remedy for sin and spiritual food for the journey of life.

# Principle #5

**We must at least be open to the possibility that when personal and/or corporate sickness and suffering are occurring in the church, that it could be God's response to lovelessness amongst the brothers and sisters.**

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