

God's Restoration in

Communion



1 Corinthians 11:17

**But in the following instructions,
I cannot praise you. For it sounds
as if more harm than good is done
when you meet together.**

1 Corinthians 11:18

First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it.

1 Corinthians 11:19

But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized!

1 Corinthians 11:20

When you meet together,
you are not really interested
in the Lord's Supper.

1 Corinthians 11:21

For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk.

1 Corinthians 11:22a

**What? Don't you have your own
homes for eating and drinking?
Or do you really want to disgrace
God's church and shame the poor?**

1 Corinthians 11:22b

What am I supposed to say?

Do you want me to praise you?

**Well, I certainly will not praise
you for this!**

1 Corinthians 11:23

**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

**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 11:25a

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people -

1 Corinthians 11:25b

**an agreement confirmed with my
blood. Do this in remembrance of
me as often as you drink it.”**

1 Corinthians 11:26

**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

**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

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

1 Corinthians 11:29

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

That is why many of you are weak
and sick and some have even died.

1 Corinthians 11:31

But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.

1 Corinthians 11:32

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

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Principle #1

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

Principle #2

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

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Principle #3

Heart problems produce bad behavior.



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Principle #4

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

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Communion Misconceptions

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

Communion Misconceptions

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

Communion Misconceptions

- **So long as you don't take Communion, God won't judge you.**

Principle #5

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

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Looking for Lovelessness

- **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)

Looking for Lovelessness

- **Look Out (Loving Others, Strangers, Enemies, Non-believers, like Christ has Loved You)**

Principle #6

God's judgment on believers in this context is not for the purpose of eternal condemnation, it is for the purpose of DISCIPLINE so that we won't be eternally condemned.

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