

When You Come Together

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34

Remembering Christ's death in communion *in unity* is a central purpose of our gathering together.

Division gets in the way.

1 Corinthians 11:17-18

Now in giving this instruction I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. For to begin with, I hear that when you come together as a church there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

11:20

When you come together, then, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

Why do we come together?

11:21-22

For at the meal, each one eats his own supper. So one person is hungry while another gets drunk! Don't you have homes in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I praise you? I do not praise you in this matter!

DIVISION

Division
comes
when we
think we
are better:

- I'm wiser with my life (money, job, family)
- I know my Bible better
- I live out the Bible better
- I deserve more

DIVISION

Division comes when we focus on ourselves and others; not Jesus

Division distracts from Jesus.

11:23-24

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

11:25-26

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

In remembrance of me:

“To transport an action that is buried in the past in such a way that its original potency and vitality are not lost but are carried over into the present.”

Examine yourself

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Examine yourself

This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep. If we were properly judging ourselves, we would not be judged, but when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined, so that we may not be condemned with the world.

What are we examining ourselves for?

To make sure we have enough good works?

To make sure we don't have any sin?

**“Do not partake in an unworthy manner...
without recognizing the body...”**

11:33-34

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, welcome one another. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you gather together you will not come under judgment. I will give instructions about the other matters whenever I come.

What do we do?

Examine yourself.

Recognize the body.

Partake.