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A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

HOLINESS IN WORSHIP: THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1 Corinthians 11:17 ^{NIV}

In the following directives I have no praise for you,
for **your meetings do more harm than good.**



Instructions for the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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1 Corinthians 11:18-19 ^{NIV}

In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are **divisions among you**, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.



1 Corinthians 11:20-22 ^{NIV}

So then, when you come together, **it is not the Lord's Supper you eat,** ²¹ for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!



The Lord's Supper should
highlight the *unity* of the church.



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1 Corinthians 11:27-30 ^{NIV}

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an **unworthy manner** will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without **discerning the body of Christ** eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.



1 Corinthians 11:32-34 ^{NIV}

Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, **we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.** ³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. ³⁴ Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.



The Lord's Supper is a time to remember the Lord's sacrifice *together*.



SERMON NOTES

