

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What have been some of your favorite memories about taking communion and why?
2. Have you been careful to examine yourself before taking communion?
3. What was your best insight from this passage?
4. What questions do you still have after studying this passage?
5. How would you describe Paul's main purpose in writing this text?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS SERIES

1Cor. 10:23 “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. 24 No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.



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OUR KEY THOUGHT FOR THIS SERIES:

FREEDOM in Christ is a wonderful thing, but we want to use that freedom WISELY. In whatever you do, pause and ask yourself how it might AFFECT someone else's faith.

1Cor. 10:24 No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

THE PROBLEM

1Cor. 11:17 In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. 18 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. 20 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! . . . 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.

1. It is important for the church body to worship TOGETHER. The PHRASE “come together” in the English (συνέρχομαι, synerchomai) is used FIVE times (vs. 17, 18, 20, 33, 34).
2. Paul CANNOT praise the Corinthians for their celebration of the Lord's Supper because of LACK of unity (divisions).

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3. Differences are NECESSARY to sort out the TRUTH, but are not helpful when you worship.

1Cor. 11:19 No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.

4. Communion (or the Lord's Supper) was DIFFERENT in Paul's time. It normally was a MEAL ("love feast") and then included a time of taking the bread and cup. *(Today still celebrated by some groups like the Moravians, Church of the Brethren, Old German Baptists, Grace Brethren, etc.)*

1Cor. 11:20 So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Jude 12 These people are blemishes at your love feasts, . . .

5. The problem in Corinth is that the RICH people were eating their OWN food and leaving nothing for others.

— The homes in Corinth (churches?) . . .

— If you need more to eat, eat at HOME. ("Are you trying to embarrass the church and the poor? I don't even know what to say right now, I'm so angry!")

— The point of a "love feast" is to eat TOGETHER!

THE PURPOSE

1Cor. 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1. Paul "HANDED over" (παράδιδωμι, paradidōmi) what had been handed to him. This is DIRECTLY from the Lord.

2. The VERY night that Jesus was "handed over" (paradidōmi) he instituted communion. (Judas or the Heavenly Father?)

— This happened near the END of the PASSOVER meal.

Luke 22:15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

3. Jesus took bread, BROKE it, and declared it to be His body. After supper, He took the third cup, SHARED it, and declared it

to be His blood. This is a NEW covenant that is much better than the OLD one. (Jesus was the final Passover Lamb.)

Heb. 10:11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

4. In BOTH instances, Jesus said to do this "as a REMEMBRANCE" (זָכַר, zakar).

Ex. 13:3 Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate (זָכַר, zakar) this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand.

5. "WHENEVER" we take Holy Communion:

— We proclaim His DEATH.

— We proclaim His ABSENCE. (Transubstantiation?)

— We proclaim His COMING.

THE PREPARATION

1Cor. 11:27 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. 31 But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. 32 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.

1. "So then," don't take communion in an UNWORTHY manner. What is that?

— Taking communion without BELIEVING.

— Taking communion as a Christian with the INTENT to continue in willful sin.

2. EXAMINE yourself and your motive. Also, make sure to notice the "BODY of Christ." By carefully doing so, you can avoid later judgment.

1Cor. 11:30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

3. However, at TIMES, we will be judged by the Lord as a form of DISCIPLINE, so that we will be ready for heaven.