

Participation in the Lord's Supper - Part 2

How should we participate? (1 Cor 11:17-34)

I. The situation at Corinth (17-22)

Perversion of the Lord's Supper: *"For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk."* (v. 21)

- a. *"There are divisions among you"* (v. 18; cf. 1:10-12; 3:1-4)
- b. You have a selfish disregard for each other: *"each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk."* (v. 21; cf. Jer 7:9-10; Isa 1:15)

KEY TEXT: "Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper." (v. 20)

II. The significance of the meal (23-26)

Purpose of the Lord's Supper: *"Do this in remembrance of Me"*

- a. Specifically his suffering and death (cf. Phil 2:2-8)
- b. "...pride and self-worship cannot flourish in the soul that keeps fresh in memory the scenes of Calvary." *Desire of Ages*, p. 661.

KEY TEXT: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes." (v. 26)

III. The seriousness of abuse (27-32)

Preparation for the Lord's supper: *"Let a man examine himself"*

- a. Does my attitude reflect the sacrifice being commemorated?
- b. Is my attitude the attitude of Jesus Christ?

KEY TEXT: "For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (v. 29)

IV. Conclusion (33-34)