

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements



- MOB Website & Resources:
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- IBC Women's Conf. (Mar. 28-29)
- Easter Concerts (April 11-13)
- **CREDO Conference (May 1-2)**



Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer.**
- **Song:**

“Nothing But The **Blood** Of Jesus!”

Nothing But The **Blood** Of Jesus

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*What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the **blood** of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the **blood** of Jesus.*

Refrain:

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the **blood** of Jesus.*

Nothing But The **Blood** Of Jesus

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*For my pardon this I see:
Nothing but the **blood** of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
Nothing but the **blood** of Jesus.*

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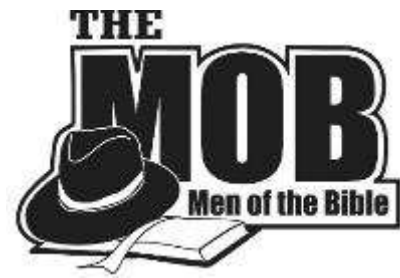
*Nothing can for sin atone:
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Naught of good that I have done:
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Nothing But The **Blood** Of Jesus

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*This is all my hope and peace:
Nothing but the **blood** of Jesus.*

*This is all my righteousness:
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Memory Verse

1st Cor. 11:28-29

“²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

Our Study of First Corinthians



Review:

- First Corinthians 11:2-16 (by Jim Clingenpeel)
- Memory Verse: 1st Cor. 11:3
- *Reading: MacArthur (pp. 251-263) or Constable (pp. 193-209)*

Study:

- First Corinthians 11:17-34, “*Abuse of the Last Supper,*” (Neal)
- Memory Verse: 1st Cor. 11:28-29
- *Reading: MacArthur (pp. 265-275) or Constable (pp. 209-225)*
- Refreshment Host: Small Group D

First Corinthians Study Schedule for Fall 2024 – Spring 2025



as of January 26, 2024

Week #	Date	Meeting No.	Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians	Memory Verse	Teacher	Host Small Group	John MacArthur	Constable Pages
15	December 3, 2024	13	7:17-24	7:22	Clingenpeel	E	169-175	137-141
16	December 10, 2024	14	7:25-40	7:38	Lee	F	177-186	141-149
17	December 17, 2024	15	8:1-13	8:9	Neal	G	187-197	149-162
18	December 24, 2024							
19	December 31, 2024							
20	January 7, 2025	16	9:1-18	9:16	Wever	H	199-211	162-169
21	January 14, 2025	17	9:19-27	9:22	Streitmater	---	211-216	169-174
22	January 21, 2025	18	10:1-13	10:13	Benson	A	217-230	174-182
23	January 28, 2025	19	10:14 - 11:1	10:31	Turk	B	231-249	182-192
24	February 4, 2025	20	11:2-16	11:3	Clingenpeel	C	251-263	193-209
25	February 11, 2025	21	11:17-34 (Communion)	11:28-29	Neal / Joyce	D	265-275	209-225
26	February 18, 2025	22	12:1-11	12:4-6	Lee	E	277-307	225-240
27	February 25, 2025	23	12:12-31	12:26	Wever	F	309-326	240-253

First Corinthians



- Author: Apostle Paul
- Date: ~55 A.D. from Ephesus
- Setting:
 - S. Greece, Roman Province
 - Commercial and trade center
- Key Details:
 - Response to visits and questions
 - Second of four letters
 - Discipline for the undisciplined

Overview (Chap. 1-16):

- Introduction 1:1-9
- Divisions in the church 1:10—4:21
- Lack of discipline in the church chs. 5—6
- Marriage and related matters ch. 7
- Food offered to idols 8:1—11:1
- Propriety in worship 11:2-16
- The Lord's Supper 11:17-34 ←
- Spiritual gifts and spiritual people chs. 12—14
- The resurrection of believers ch. 15
- The collection for Jerusalem believers 16:1-12
- Conclusion 16:13-24

Do You Recognize This?



Arguably, it's one of the most famous paintings in the world!

Introduction

“... [The] Lord's Supper is a celebration of how Jesus established the new covenant. And the other is that this new covenant creates and controls the existence of local churches. ... [By] shedding his blood for his people and thus securing for them the forgiveness of their sins and the sanctification of their souls.”

John Piper

Then how could a celebration like this ever be abused?

Lesson Overview

First Corinthians Chapter 11



The sacred gathering of believers to celebrate the LORD's Supper is abused when it is:

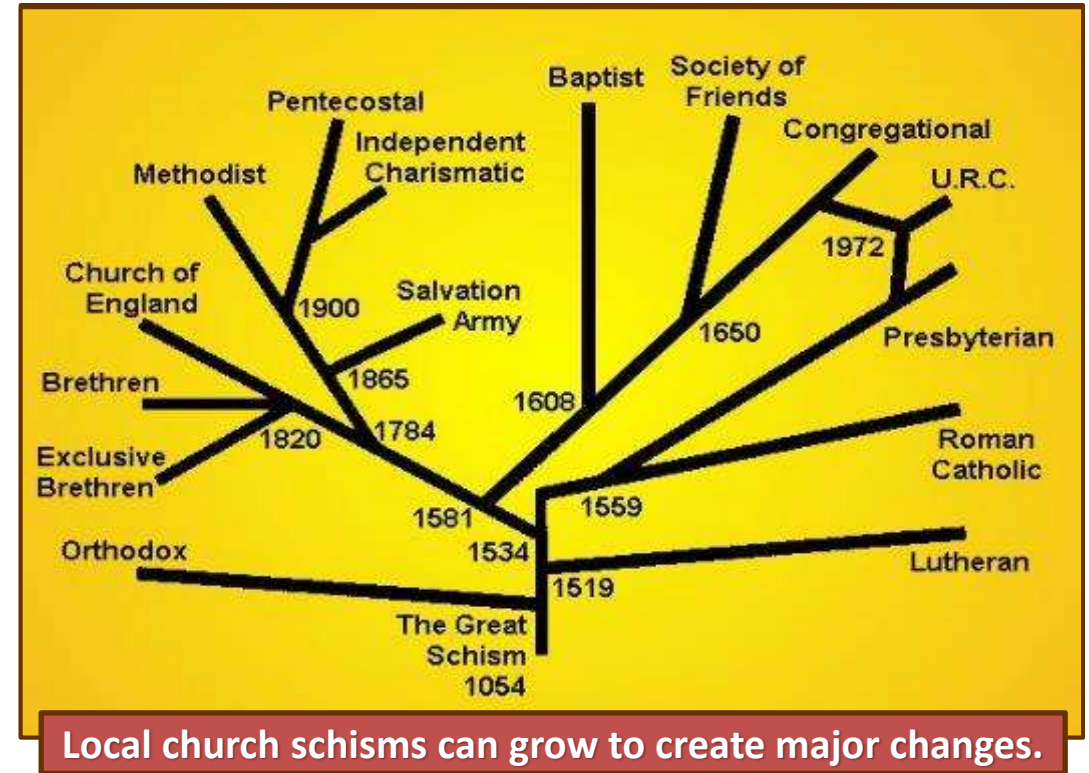
- **Marked With Divisions** (11:17-19)
- **Consumed Through Selfishness** (11:20-22)
- **Ignored In Remembrance** (11:23-26)
- **Received Without Examination** (11:27-32)
- **Deprived Of Unity** (11:33-34)

First Corinthians 11:17-19

Marked With Divisions



17 But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. **18** For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are **divisions** among you. And I believe it in part, **19** for there must be **factions** among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.



Abuses in the practice of the Lord's Supper at the church of Corinth led to these important words of correction.

First Corinthians 11:17-19

Marked With Divisions



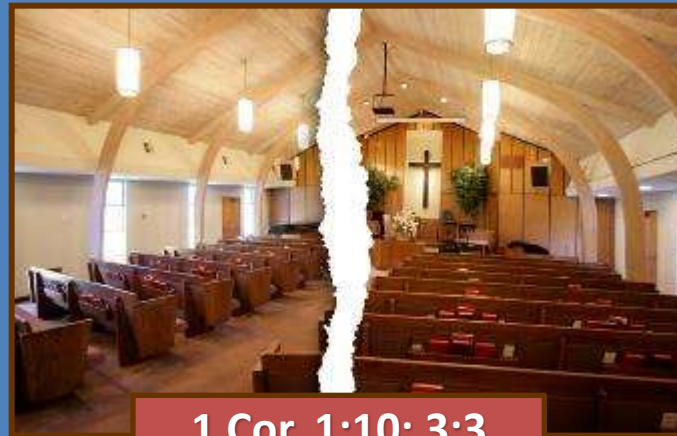
“The divisions in Paul’s day seemed to revolve around social and economic status as the believers failed to share their food and drink in a way that would unite their fellowship.” Paul Apple

Paul instructs Corinthians on how their love feasts unveiled the worst in fellowship.

**AN OPEN REBUKE
IS BETTER THAN
HIDDEN LOVE**

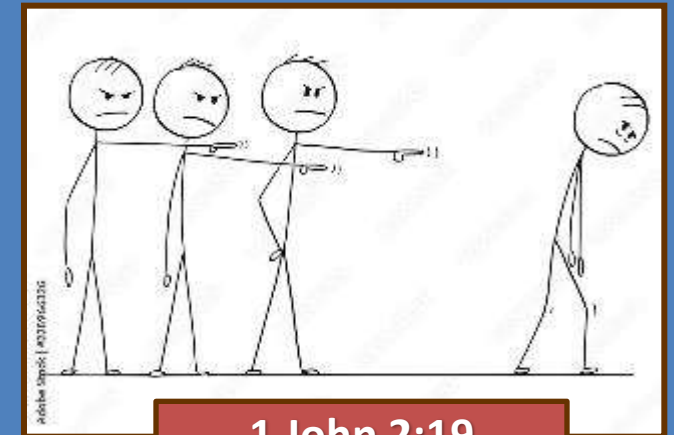
PROVERBS 27:5

When the Church comes together there shouldn't be divisions (or schisms).



1 Cor. 1:10; 3:3

Having factions in the Church can help leaders purge those whose faith is not genuine.



1 John 2:19

First Corinthians 11:17-19

Marked With Divisions



“Come together is a key word in this section (1 Co. 11:17; 18, 20, 23, 33, 34). The preposition sun/syn in come together describes an intimate gathering. It may have been somewhat intimate but it was not soundly spiritual!” Precept Austin

2 Pet. 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

Jude 1:17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. **18** They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” **19** It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

First Corinthians 11:20-22

Consumed Through Selfishness

20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. **21** For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. **22** What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.



You would think the love feast was an opportunity to build each other up, but the rich manifested their contempt for the poor.

First Corinthians 11:20-22

Consumed Through Selfishness

“[The] rich would ... eat before many of the slaves could arrive. There was no spirit of fellowship among them. Slaves had no days off, worked very long hours and Christian meetings were held in the evening.” Jack Arnold

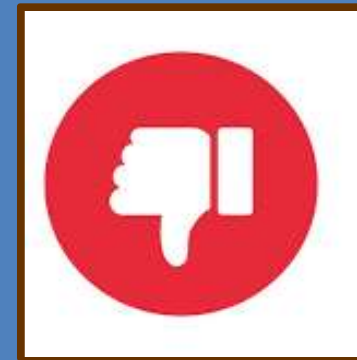
First Corinthians offers more details of the LORD’s Supper apart from the Synoptics.

LORD’s Supper (cf. Rev. 1:10):

- Celebrated Passover Meal
- Second Church Ordinance
- Followed Love Feasts
- Only For Believers
- Perpetual Observance
- No Frequency Demanded



Paul’s earlier **praise** (1 Cor. 11:2) gives way to searing **rebuke** (vs. 22) for their selfish display during a solemn celebration.



First Corinthians 11:20-22

Consumed Through Selfishness



“To shame the poor in this context has the sense that the wealthier saints were actively disgracing and humiliating the poorer saints.” Precept Austin

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Rom. 15:1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Gal. 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

First Corinthians 11:23-26

Ignored In Remembrance

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, after supper, saying, *“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”* 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



The Lord's Supper instituted a mandatory remembrance event for every believer to celebrate Christ's death until He returns.

Some commentators suggest Luke was influenced by Paul, since their accounts have many similarities.

Matthew 26

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "*Take, eat; this is my body.*"

²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "*Drink of it, all of you,*

²⁸ *for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

²⁹ *I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.*"

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "*Take; this is my body.*"

²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it.

²⁴ And he said to them, "*This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.*

²⁵ *Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.*"

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Luke 22

¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "*Take this, and divide it among yourselves.*

¹⁸ *For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.*"

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "*This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*"

²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "*This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.*

²¹ *But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.*

²² *For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"*

What Did Da Vinci Get Wrong?



They should be reclining at the table without Judas.

First Corinthians 11:23-26

Ignored In Remembrance

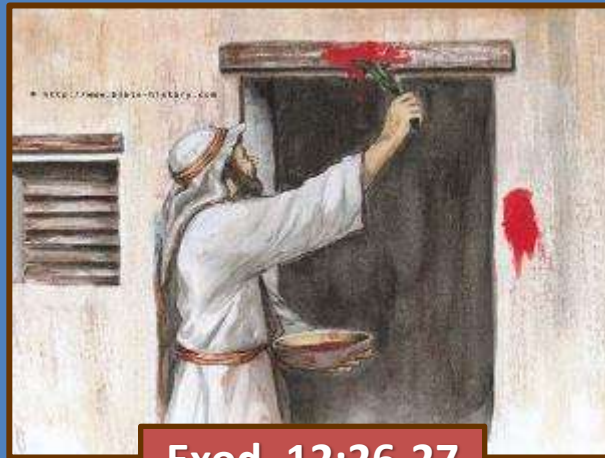
“Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord’s Table ... and thereby signaled the transition from the old covenant to the new. Jesus’ words recorded in this passage marked the end of all O.T. ceremonies, sacrifices and rituals.” John MacArthur

Though Judas *betrayed* Jesus, the Father was sovereign over delivering Christ for sins.



Luke 22:47-48

Passover observed escape from Egypt, as communion signifies our release from sin.



Exod. 12:26-27

Partaking the LORD’s Supper *“proclaims”* the Church’s faith in Christ’s return.



John 21:21-22

First Corinthians 11:23-26

Ignored In Remembrance



“By partaking of the bread and the cup, we remember that Jesus Christ took our hell that we might have His heaven.” Keith Krell

2Tim. 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel.

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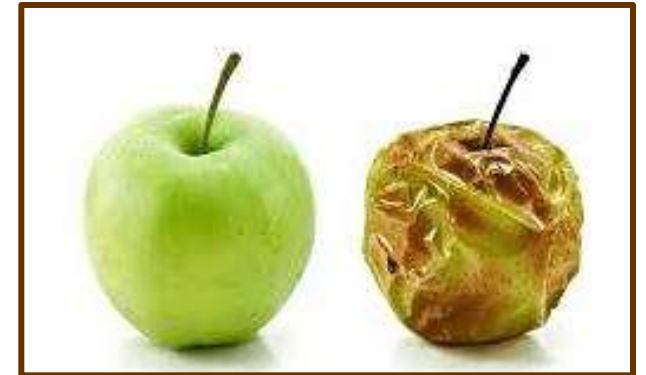
Received Without Examination



27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. **28** Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. **30** That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. **31** But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. **32** But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Matt. 12:33-37

Message: "Self-Examination"
Pastor Jesse Johnson
Jan. 5, 2025



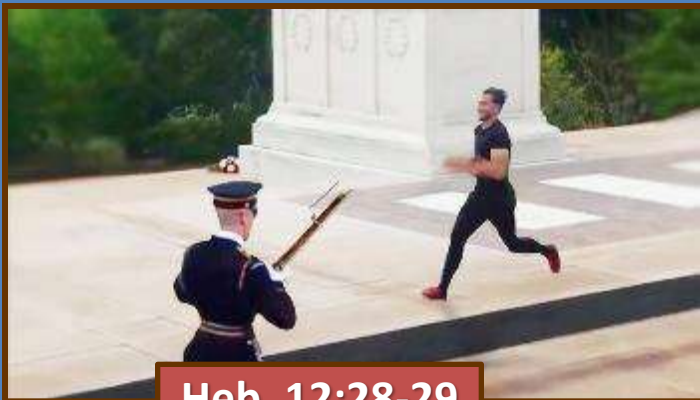
"This simple reflection and participation lie at the very root of motivation for living a life that glorifies God." Constable

First Corinthians 11:27-32

Received Without Examination

“Paul is speaking about taking the Lord’s Table in an unworthy manner. The Corinthians had made a common meal out of it with great sin. To partake unworthily is to fail to realize the significance of the elements.” Jack Arnold

“Unworthily” is not your merit, but refers to showing a lack of reverence for Christ’s work on the cross.



Heb. 12:28-29

Warning: examination and discernment hold serious implications when partaking.



“Judge” = Discerned Before.
“Judgement” = Decided After.

God will discipline those He loves for sustained sinning.



Prov. 15:32-33

First Corinthians 11:27-32

Received Without Examination



“If we eat the Lord’s Supper with unjudged sin upon us, we do not discern the Lord’s body which was broken to put it away.” F. G. Patterson

Act 2:46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.

Act 27:35 And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat.

John 6:33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. ... **41** So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

First Corinthians 11:33-34

Deprived Of Unity

33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another; **34** if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home; so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.



Paul closes by emphasizing how coming together as one is much better than fellowshiping with potential judgment.

First Corinthians 11:33-34

Deprived Of Unity

“Show hospitality to one another!” Thus, in this context Paul is perhaps instructing the Corinthians, as his summary statement, to receive each other as equal members of the body of Christ.” Keith Krell

First, distribute food properly to all, then everyone can eat together, as intended.



Please Wait
To Be Seated
Thank You

A lack of patience is corrected by eating at home before participating in communion.



Paul would “*arrange thoroughly*” another matter unknown to us today, but it seems pretty serious.

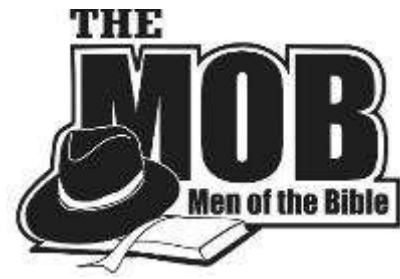


Before After

1 Cor. 16:1

First Corinthians 11:33-34

Deprived Of Unity



“It is very important to the Lord that we put the needs of others before our own needs (cf. Phil. 2:3; et al.)” Thomas Constable

Matt. 24:10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

John 17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Rom. 12:5 So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Summary

First Corinthians Chapter 11



The LORD's Supper is

Abused When:

- Marked With Divisions
- Consumed Through Selfishness
- Ignored In Remembrance
- Received Without Examination
- Deprived Of Unity

The LORD's Supper is

Celebrated When:

- Marked With Togetherness
- Shared Through Service
- Acknowledged In Remembrance
- Received After Examination
- Filled With Unity

Conclusion

Examine Yourself and Discern His body!

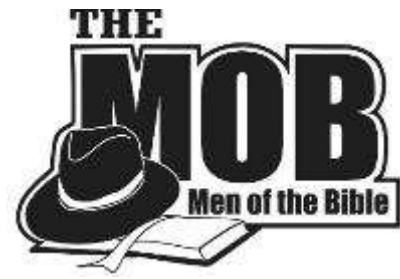
“A clever way of remembering the Lord’s Table:

- *Look back (to Christ's death),*
- *Look in (self-examination),*
- *Look up (fellowship with Christ),*
- *Look around (fellowship with each other),*
- *Look forward (to Christ's return) and*
- *Look outward (to proclaim God’s word to others).”*

Michael Green



Next Meeting



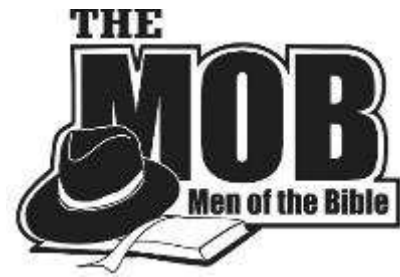
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Study:

- First Corinthians 12:1-11 (Teacher: *Anthony Lee*)
- Memory Verse: 1st Cor. 12:4-6
- *Reading: MacArthur (pp. 277-307) or Constable (pp. 225-240)*
- Refreshment Host: Small Group E

Discussion & Application



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- 1. Why did Paul admonish the Corinthian believers for their conduct when they gathered to observe the Lord's Supper?**
- 2. Why did Paul describe the gathering for the Lord's Supper as part of a "love feast"?**
- 3. In what way did their gathering together, according to Paul, cause "more harm than good"?**
- 4. What is the distinction between the Old and the New Covenant?**
- 5. What is the "source" of, and basis for, the teaching on the Lord's Supper?**
- 6. Why is it important that we observe the Lord's Supper in our day?**
- 7. What does it "proclaim"—and to whom?**

Discussion & Application



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- 8. What does this passage say we need to do in preparation of our participation in the Lord's Supper?**
- 9. What does this text say are the effects and consequences of "eating the bread and drinking the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner"?**
- 10. What does it mean to "be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord"?**
- 11. What's the purpose of the "discipline of the Lord" for participating at the Lord's table unworthily?**
- 12. What further insight does this passage give about the spiritual condition of the believers in the church of Corinth?**
- 13. What important thing will you take from this lesson?**



Closing



- **Benediction**

- **Small Group Assignments**

1 Corinthians 11



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36	April 29, 2025	31	15:46-58	15:58	Streitmater	F	439-448	316-324
37	May 6, 2025	32	16:1-12	16:2	Benson	G	449-469	325-322
38	May 13, 2025	33	16:13-24	16:13-14	Turk	H	471-488	322-337
39	May 20, 2025	34	1:1 - 16:24	--	Clingenpeel	A	1-488	1-337
40	May 27, 2025	--	Makeup	--	--	--	--	--