

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Lessons from 1 Corinthians

1 Cor. 11:17-34

Why do we observe the Lord's Supper? Why is it important? How am I to observe and partake of the Supper? Is the Lord's Supper relevant to today and really that important?

1. We must examine our heart and actions when participating in church activities. (vv. 17-22)

- Guard against divisions and cliques.
- Guard against ignoring needs of others while addressing your wants.
- Remember why you are part of a church body. We are to grow together, serve together, worship together, and encourage one another.

2. We must observe the Lord's Supper the with right attitude and heart. (vv. 23-34)

> What is the Lord's Supper?

- Instituted by Christ
- Not a routine, ritualistic event
- Remembrance of His grace, forgiveness, and payment for us
- To be observed until the return of Christ

> Who participates?

- Those who have placed their faith in Christ for salvation
- Those who are walking with Him in repentance
- Not open to the lost, including unsaved children

> Is there a problem if I observe the Lord's Supper without repentance and acknowledgement of His Lordship?

- God disciplines those that take the Lord's Supper lightly

> How am I to approach and observe the Lord's Supper?

- Remember what He did for you
 - Examine yourself and repent. Realize the significance and severity of sin.
 - Worship Him
 - Renew your commitment to Him

> How is the Body of Christ to observe the Lord's Supper?

- Laying aside any conflict and divisions within the Body
- Rejoicing and worshipping together
- Renewing your commitment to serve Him and proclaim Him
- Looking expectantly to His return
- Giving testimony to everyone of His grace and His perfect salvation

There is order within the church. We have ordinances. God is the Head. We are to observe His ordinances and worship Him with obedient heart.