

The Lord's Supper

May 31, 2020

I Corinthians 11:17-34

Holy Ground (17–22)

- The Lord's Supper is meant to bring unity to the body
- The Church at Corinth had no respect for the Supper. They had made it an excuse to practice drunkenness and gluttony.
- We are just as guilty when we take the Lord's Supper lightly.
- **Ephesians 5:18 "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."**

Look Back (23–25) (Remembrance)

- Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper during the celebration of the Passover.
- **Exodus 12:13-14 "Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations."**
- Where in the Gospels? **Matthew 26:26–30; Mark 14:22–26; Luke 22:14–20**
- Jesus transformed the Passover meal into the celebration of the infinitely greater deliverance He came to bring, of which the Passover was just a foreshadowing
- Remember His death, burial, and resurrection.
- Remember those who led to you becoming a Christian
- Remember the day you understood and received the Gospel.
- Remember His faithfulness.

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(Look Forward) (26)

Look Inward (27–32)

- The Lord's Supper is only for believers
- Before receiving the Lord's Supper confess any known sin in your life.
- To receive the Lord's Supper outside of a right relationship with God makes one "guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" (V 27) and he "drinks judgment on himself" (V 29)
- How can one be in a right relationship with God?

Look Outward (33–34)

- Think of others
- When you come together (33, 34) (Also 17, 18, & 20)
- Walk in unity with others

Matthew 5:23–24 ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Takeaways:

As we look back . . . be grateful for the great news of the Gospel

As we look forward . . . how should we live our lives worthy of the Gospel until Christ's return.

As we look inward . . . where would God have us grow in our love for Him (change)

As we look outward . . . what relationship needs to be reconciled, who needs to hear about Jesus

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