

Communion

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

“LOVING ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

Mission Statement: *to passionately serve GOD and to compassionately serve others—ALL to the glory of GOD!*

Love God Supremely / Love Others Self-LESSly / Love All to the Glory of God

We must learn to THINK about how we are living our lives. We must learn to live INTENTIONALLY each day for the glory of God. We must learn to live lives of DISCERNMENT considering what kind of glory God receives from my life.

Luke 22:19 And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.”

I. Paul gives some _____ against _____ (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29-30)

The word “unworthily” carries the idea of _____. It is to participate in the Lord’s Table in a manner that is unsuitable for which this ordinance was purposed.

A. Which leads to _____ (v. 27)

This word “guilty” is a legal term carrying the idea of being guilty of a crime and subject to the punishment of that crime.

B. Which leads to _____ (v. 29-30)

To “discern” is to act with _____. It is to make a distinction and properly judge the situation.

“eateth and drinketh damnation to himself” – To be irreverent in partaking in the Lord’s Table is to bring _____ upon one’s self.

1. The lesser penalty—_____ and _____ (v. 30a)

Here we see how God protects His table. He sees the heart and He administers the judgment as He sees fit.

2. The greater penalty—many _____ (v. 30b)

In this attitude they rebel against the chastening work of the Lord as He seeks to help them to change their stubborn ways.

II. Paul offers some _____—we are to _____ (1 Corinthians 11:28, 31-32)

To “examine himself” is to _____ to himself. It is to _____ for this worship in such a way as to consider one’s heart.

Psalm 139:23 Search [examine intimately] me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked [idolitous] way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

1 John 1:8 & 10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

We each have a sin nature and must always see the Lord to reveal to us any unconfessed sin in our lives.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth [instructs through disciplines], and scourgeth [whip] every son whom He receiveth.

When we fail to “judge” ourselves, we then allow our sin to go unchecked and _____.

III. Paul describes the _____ is _____ (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

A. This is My _____ (v. 24)

The bread symbolizes the _____ of Christ.

Christ gave thanks! He trusted the Father even in His complete understanding of the work of the cross.

B. This is My _____ (v. 25)

The contents of the cup symbolize the _____ of Christ.

What is my next step?

(Put off) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(Renew your mind) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(Put on) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?