



Sunday, January 12, 2020

MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *"Be still, and know that I am God"* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *"to obey is better than sacrifice"* (1 Samuel 15:22)

Today, we will consider our communing with God in our observance of the Lord's supper. We make it a practice to celebrate the Lord's Supper once a month on the second Sunday of the month. It is important to understand the gravity / seriousness of communion. Our walk of faith is a lifestyle which should be a declaration of our communion with God on a daily basis.

I. The INTRODUCTION: The Corinthian's CARELESSNESS (17-22)

Paul speaks to the hypocrisy of the Corinthian saints. He was saying that their celebration in this *"unworthy"* manner shows that they clearly were not interested in honoring the Lord by celebrating His saving work.

Jude speaks of the meals as being *"feasts of charity"* ([Jude 1:12](#)) or "love feasts." They were originally intended to show love for the saints in need by sharing with one other.

**II. The INSTITUTION: We are COMMANDED—Be WORSHIPFUL (23-26)
PAUL COMMANDS US: "ATTRIBUTE THE PROPER WORTH"**

A. The SYMBOLISM of the SUPPER (23)

B. The SACREDNESS of the SUPPER (24-25)

This reminder, that Christ commands, speaks of a **TRANSFORMING MEMORY**. It is an intentional focused meditation upon Christ's dying for me, living for me, all that He had done for me. It is having a mind fixed upon the Lord with a grateful heart of worship.

C. The SIGNIFICANCE of the SUPPER (24-25)

1. The PASSOVER SIGNIFICANCE

Passover reminded the Jew of God's great rescue (Exodus 12-14).

2. The PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE (24-25)

a. The CRUCIFIXION of our LORD'S BODY (24)

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

b. The COVENANT of our LORD'S BLOOD (25)

"New Testament in My blood" (**1Co 11:25**) – this is a covenant which stipulates the terms for entering into a new relationship.

D. The STATEMENT of the SUPPER (26)

"...ye do shew the Lord's death till He come." (**1Co 11:26**) – Through our participation in observing communion we are publicly declaring what Christ has done for me.

III. The IRREVERENCE: We are CAUTIONED—Be WARNED (27, 29-30)

PAUL CAUTIONS US: "ADHERE TO THIS WARNING"

A. The CAUTION against IRREVERENCE (27)

"Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, ..." (1Co 11:27) – The word *"unworthily"* carries the idea of irreverence. It is simply not properly preparing to partake in the Lord's Table. We are not to take the Lord's Table lightly—it is a **SACRED ACT OF WORSHIP**.

B. The CONSEQUENCES of IRREVERENCE (29-30)

“eateth and drinketh damnation” (1Co 11:29) – The Greek word translated “damnation” speaks of judgment.

1. The LESSER PENALTY—“many are weak and sickly” (30a)

2. The GREATER PENALTY—“many sleep” (30b)

IV. The INSPECTION: We are COMPELLED—Be WISE (28, 31-32)

PAUL COMPELS US: “APPLY THIS WISDOM”

A. There is an INVITATION (v. 28)

1. The invitation to EXAMINATION (28a)

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.

2. The invitation to PARTICIPATION (28b)

B. There will be an INSPECTION (31-32)

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

C. There is a Word of INSIGHT (33-34)



The goal is to **WORSHIP THE LORD IN COMMUNION**. It is to **CONSIDER CHRIST’S** great work of love on our behalf. It is to **HONOR HIM** with a heart of gratitude for what He accomplished for us. It is to **OBEY HIM** with reverence as we remember His great sacrifice because of our sin. It is to **RESPOND TO HIM** in repentance as we examine our own lives for sin in order to make confession. It is to **WORSHIP HIM** for He is worthy of praise.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will I most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!