

THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH AND THE LORD'S SUPPER  
I COR. 11:17-34

Introduction:

- A. Paul could not praise them for their conduct in regard to the Lord's Supper.
  - 1. It made the church worse, not better.
  
- B. There were divisions or groups in the church.
  - 1. v18.
  - 2. There is some truth in it!
  
- C. There were divisions or groups because they spoke differently. v19
  - 1. If there were no divisions, there would be unity, there was no unity, hence schisms.

I. THE FIRST ABUSE OF THE SUPPER. V20-22

- A. Their conduct at the supper was such that they disqualified themselves.
  - 1. v20.
  - 1. They're behavior so bad, forbidden to eat the supper
  
- B. They abused the elements.
  - 1. v21.
  - 2. One satisfied hunger, another is drunken.
  
- C. They made a banquet of it.
  - 1. v22.
  - 2. They should banquet in their homes.
  - 3. They thought lightly of the church. (despise)
  - 4. They excluded the poor.
  - 5. None of these things could be praised.

II. PAUL EXPLAINS THE LORD'S SUPPER. V23-26

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- A. The Body.
  - 1. v24.
  
- B. The Blood.
  - 1. v25.
  
- C. The schedule.
  - 1. v26.
  
- D. Paul, as an Apostle had direct revelation concerning the supper. v23.

## II. THE ATTITUDE OF THE PARTAKER. V27-29

- A. Drinking "unworthily" = in an unsuitable fashion.
  - 1. v27.
  
- B. Self "examination" = approve by trial.
  - 1. v28.
  
- C. The consequences.
  - 1. v29.
    - a. damnation = judgment, the decision of a judge
  - 2. v30.
    - b. weak = infirm, sickly, diseased, sleep, death.
    - b. weak, diseased, dead, a progression.

## III. HOW TO AVOID EATING UNWORTHILY. V31-34

- A. Judge ourselves. v31
  
- B. The reason for chastening. v32
  
- C. Practical advice.
  - 1. Wait for all to attend. v33.
  - 2. If your hungry, eat at home. v34.