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1 Corinthians



The Apostle Paul's Mission to the Corinthians



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Adult Bible Class Calendar Fall 2023



Date			Lesson Portion of 1 Corinthians
1	September	10	Review & Preview
2	September	17	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
3	September	24	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
4	October	1	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
5	October	8	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
6	October	15	1 Corinthians 12:21-31
7	October	22	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
8	October	29	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
9	November	5	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
10	November	12	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
11	November	19	1 Corinthians 16:1-11
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Concerning the Christian Assembly Propriety at the Lord's Table





1 Corinthians 11:2, 17-22



Now, I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. . . . But in the following instructions, I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

1 Corinthians 11-16

- I. Introduction (1:1-9).
- II. Response to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians (1:10-6:20).
- III. Response to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
 - A. Concerning Marriage and Related Questions (7:1-40).
 - B. Concerning Foods Sacrificed to Idols (8:1-11:1).
 - C. Concerning the Christian Assembly (11:2-34).
 - 1. Propriety of Men and Women (11:2-16).
 - 2. Propriety at the Lord's Table (11:17-34).
 - D. Concerning Spirituality & Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).
 - 1. True Spirituality (12:1-3).
 - 2. The Diversity of Gifts in One Body (12:4-31).
 - 3. The Crucial Accompaniment—Love (13:1-13).
 - 4. Prophecy and Tongues (14:1-40).
 - E. Concerning the Resurrection of the Body (15:1-58).
 - F. Concerning the Collection (16:1-4).
- IV. Conclusion (16:5-24).



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2. Propriety at the Lord's Table (11:17-34).

a. Corinthian Abuse of the Lord's Table (11:17-22).

b. Christian Significance of the Lord's Table (11:23-26).

c. Proper Approach to the Lord's Table (11:27-32).

d. Concluding Advice Concerning the Lord's Table (11:33-34).



Abuse of the Lord's Table



- Clearly, Paul speaks of church assemblies—“when you come together as a church” (11:18).
- Unlike in Paul’s previous paragraph (11:2), he has no commendation for the Corinthians now (11:17, 22).
- The church at Corinth is schismatic (11:18).
- Factions expose who are frauds and who are authentic Christians (11:19).
- It is not the Lord’s Supper you eat; you have desecrated it (11:20).
- They desecrate the Lord’s Table by desecrating the Love Feast (11:21).
- Paul rebukes behavior contrary to what is fitting for both the Love Feast and the Lord’s Table (11:22).
- No commendation for you!



1 Corinthians 11:23-26



For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Significance of the Lord's Table

- Not an exact match to any of the Synoptic Gospels on the Lord's Table. Closest to Luke's account.
- What Paul received "from the Lord" he "passed on to you."
- "Received from the Lord" suggests directly from the Lord. This may account for Paul's wording differing from that of the Synoptics.
- "When he had given thanks." The meal is often called The Eucharist.
- Paul recounts the Lord's procedures when he instituted the meal.
- My body.
- My blood. Cup.
- What the Corinthians celebrated was not the Lord's Supper because of their defilement.





1 Corinthians 11:26-32



Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

The Lord's Table—A Solemn Meal

- Paul emphasizes the meal's solemnity.
- Paul does not speak of “unworthiness” but of an “unworthy manner” of eating.
- Participate with understanding, with solemnity.
- In Corinth, there may have been many who ate “without discerning the body,” as Paul describes in 10:17-22.
- What should we do to ensure we eat at the Lord's Table in a “worthy manner”?
- “Not discerning the body.” Christ's sacrificial body? The church? Both?
- What are the consequences of failing to eat in a “worthy manner”?
- “That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep” (11:30).





Jude 10-13



But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. **These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves;** waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

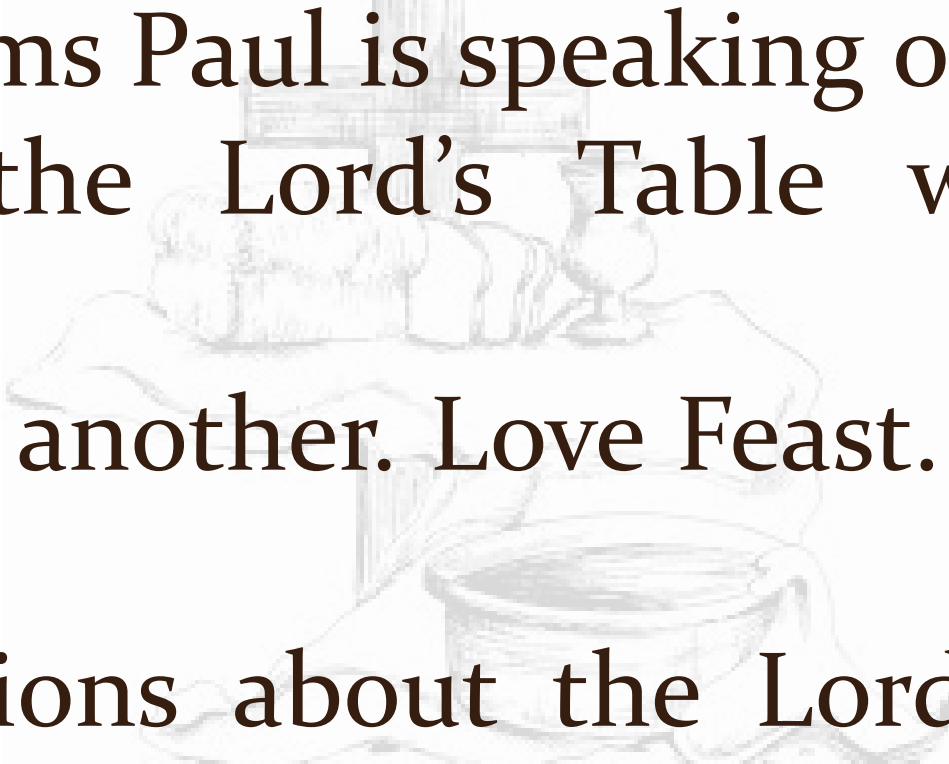


1 Corinthians 11:33-34



So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things, I will give directions when I come.

Concluding Advice about the Lord's Table

- Again, it seems Paul is speaking of how the Love Feast and the Lord's Table were observed together.
 - Wait for one another. Love Feast. Defiled Lord's Table.
 - Other questions about the Lord's Table, Paul leaves for when he visits the church.
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