

## WHAT ARE YOU EXPRESSING IN THE SUPPER?

I Corinthians 11:20-34

### Introduction:

- A. Many in the Corinthian church failed to see the importance of being \_\_\_\_\_ body in eating the Lord's Supper.
1. Many did not w\_\_\_\_\_ for everyone to arrive.
  2. Many got d\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. When we partake of the Lord's Supper we are expressing something about the past, present, and future individually and as one body.

### I ex\_\_\_\_\_ my Savior's sacrifice me and the church (20-25,33,34)

- A. The b\_\_\_\_\_ represents Jesus' body – *This is My body, which is for you.*
1. The bread was b\_\_\_\_\_, not Jesus' body (Jn 19:36; Lk 22:19)
  2. Jesus's body was "for" us, which means in our p\_\_\_\_\_. He substituted His body for ours in receiving sin's penalty.
  3. Jesus died not just for you individually but for the c\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 5:25).
- B. The c\_\_\_\_\_ represents the new covenant in His blood
1. Some wrongly teach that Jesus was speaking literally but Jesus was speaking metaphorically as He customarily did when teaching truth (e.g. *I am the vine; I am the good Shepherd; I am the manna; I am the Light of the world; etc.*)
  2. Some wrongly think that the cup represents the b\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, but it represents the new covenant put into effect by His blood.
  3. The new covenant is explained in Jer 31:31-34.
    - a. The new covenant is with those who k\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord personally.
    - b. The new covenant emphasizes the corporate nature of being God's p\_\_\_\_\_.

### I ex\_\_\_\_\_ my spiritual self before the Lord (27-32)

- A. Some Corinthian church members were taking the Lord's Supper in an unw\_\_\_\_\_ manner.

1. God d\_\_\_\_\_ them with sickness and even death (v. 30) to get them to repent (v. 32)
  2. Prior to coming to church and to the Lord's table, one should e\_\_\_\_\_ oneself inwardly (v. 28 – see also Ps 139:23,24)
- B. Partake or abstain?
1. If you cannot take the supper in a meaningful way, then don't take it.
  2. No one should j\_\_\_\_\_ another for abstaining.
  3. The church body should be a loving body where each person works to b\_\_\_\_\_ up others.
- C. Sin affects our oneness and we should diligently repent and diligently forgive.
1. Jesus distributed from only one l\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Jesus distributed from only one c\_\_\_\_\_

**I ex\_\_\_\_\_ my Savior's coming for me and the church (26)**

*As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

- A. The frequency of taking the Lord's Supper
1. The Corinthians probably celebrated it w\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The Jews may have initially celebrated it y\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. There is no command as to how often.
- B. Jesus will eat this Supper with us when He r\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 22:18)
1. The return is for us individually and corporately
    - a. At His return, He will do away with all the effects of sin by making us complete in spirit, soul, and b\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess 5:23,24).
    - b. At His return, we will be united as one big happy f\_\_\_\_\_ (I Thess 4:17).
  2. How are you expecting Jesus' return? – looking forward to this event should positively affect your attitude and a\_\_\_\_\_.