

April 3rd 2022, Scripture: Luke 22:14-22. Title: Understanding Holy Communion and the Body of Christ.

Introduction:



1Corinthians 11:17-26NIV

The following are three things to take into considerations as we take Holy Communion:

1. Paul was angry (1Corinthians 11:17-22 NIV).

¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. ²⁰ So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

II. Lord's table is the center of Unity. (V.18-21 NIV)

III. Lord's table is holy (V.22, 26-29 NIV)

²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Verse 26 says, "Whenever you eat and drink" That means, the Lord's supper should be served periodically, but there is no clear instruction as to how often.

Conclusion: Holy Communion is a means of grace that mold you and shape you and unite you, unite all of us, as one in the body of Christ.