

A Lord's Table Correction

I. Confrontation (17-22)

Don't let your Lord's Table observance become a self-serving activity.

II. Communion (23-26)

The purpose of the Lord's Table is to remember Christ's sacrifice and proclaim your faith in it.

III. Consequences (27-34)

The Lord's Table should be preceded by self-examination and observed in unity.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Have you observed The Lord's Table in a different way in a different church? What did you appreciate or not appreciate about it?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22. What was Paul confronting? Why?

He said that the unacceptable conduct served the purpose of revealing two kinds of people (v. 19). What would the "approved" (or genuine) person's conduct have looked like?

Can you think of an example in the modern church in which an activity could reveal the same two types of people?

3. What two purposes of The Lord's Table does Paul point out in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26?

In what ways should observing The Lord's Table according to these purposes have a good effect on your Christian life?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-34. Paul warns his readers about participating in The Lord's Table in an "unworthy manner." What unworthiness does he point out?

What consequences does he point out?

What does Paul instruct his readers to do before partaking of the elements?

5. What other church activity can you apply the principles of this passage to?

6. Give your group a specific way to pray for you to apply what you've learned from this passage.