

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul's first epistle (letter) to the church of Corinth was written in order to assist them in dealing with various issues with which they were struggling.
- * Living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have an affect upon the "set-apartness" of the individual believer and gathering of believers.
- * Paul has just spent a great portion of his epistle discussing the subject of Christian Liberty and culminated it with the commands to glorify God in everything we do and to not give an offense to others which could hinder them from coming to Christ, or drawing closer to Him.
- * At the beginning of chapter 11, Paul begins examining three separate subject areas: Headship, Communion and Spiritual Gifts.
- * Last week, we considered the subject of headship; today, we shall examine the subject of the Lord's Supper.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE C _____ OF AN IMPROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (v. 17-22)****A. The Observance was S _____ (v. 17-19)**

1. NEGATIVELY: THE MANIFESTATION OF D _____
2. POSITIVELY: THE MANIFESTATION OF G _____

B. The Observance was S _____ (v. 20-21)

... THEIR SELFISH A _____ WAS REVEALED IN THEIR SELFISH A _____!

C. The Observance was S _____ (v. 22)

1. QUESTION #1: _____?
2. QUESTION #2: _____?
3. QUESTION #3: _____?

II. THE E _____ OF A PROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (v. 23-34)**A. The I _____ of the Observance (v. 23-26)**

1. IT IS BASED ON THE T _____ OF THE LORD
2. IT IS BASED ON THE S _____ OF THE LORD
3. IT IS BASED ON THE R _____ OF THE LORD

B. The I _____ of the Observance (v. 27-34)

1. IT CALLS FOR A P _____ EXAMINATION (v. 27-32)
 - a. The N _____ of the Exam: The C _____ of "unworthiness"
 - b. The U _____ of the Exam: The C _____ of "unworthiness"
2. IT CALLS FOR A C _____ EXAMINATION (v. 33-34)

INTROSPECTION

- * DO YOU TEND TO BE A VERY SELF-FOCUSED INDIVIDUAL (SORT OF THAT "ME-FIRST" MENTALITY)?
- * THEREFORE, WHATEVER YOU DO ... DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!
IS GOD GLORIFIED IN YOUR RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE NEEDS OF OTHERS?
- * WHAT IS THE "COMMUNION" OBSERVANCE TO YOU? WHAT HAS IT BEEN?
- * HAVE YOU GIVEN THIS ORDINANCE OF CHRIST THE REVERENCE TO WHICH HE DEMANDS?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How does our church compare to the example of the Corinthian church?
- * What are ways that we can safeguard against becoming a clique-ish, schismatic church?
- * How can we improve our observance(s) of the Lord's Supper - both individually and corporeally?