

What About "The Lord's Supper"

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I. And the rest of the Bible? Don't isolate the passage! Consider all of scripture & Paul's full revelation.

II Timothy 3:16,17, *All scripture is profitable ... to perfect us!* **Romans 15:4**, *Written aforetime for our learning.*

1. Compare scripture with scripture.

Strong's #1173, the same word in both **I Cor. 11:20 & 21**

2. Take normal, natural, literal sense and meaning. **The word for "supper" 16x's in NT is the main evening meal.**

Prophecy & Israel: Hebrews 10:1-10, "Shadows – Thou hast no pleasure" (David agrees: **Psalms 51:16,17**)

Symbolism: (weakness, **Hebrews 7:18,19**) *Can never make comers perfect!* See also **Hebrews 9:9,10**

or Substance: *Let us go on to perfection (6:1-5)*, and to better things! *The offering of the body of Jesus Christ!*

They were to go on to something better and their New Covenant spiritual life through the shed blood of Christ! **The Mystery & Paul: Galatians 3:3**, *Made perfect? 4:9, Weak & beggarly elements? 4:19, Christ be formed in you!*

The Lord's supper is clearly part of Paul's revelation and was *delivered* to the church at Corinth, **but not as a law.**

Was it delivered as a *ceremonial symbolic supper observance*, as is commonly believed and practiced? **If the real * shadows and figures of Israel's program could not bring perfection, how does any observance do so today?**

Colossians 2:16-19, *Not shadows, but holding the head! Ye are complete in Him, :10, We possess the real thing!*

The Bread & Cup Are Not – "The Lord's Supper." Symbolic, or an actual meal – *unto the Lord? ... as oft as ye ...*

Jesus in the upper room: Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:20, *The bread & cup are a separate thing.*

... as they were eating (the Passover), *Jesus took bread, after supper* = The bread & cup **are not** the supper!

The 12 and the little flock never do this again in Acts or the Hebrew epistles. They do continue to eat together.

Paul and the Corinthians: I Cor. 11:23-25, *... after the same manner also he took the cup,* (After supper!)

when he had supped, [when he had supper] saying ... (Sup is KJB English for supper: **Luke 17:8, Revelation 3:20**)

(**Exodus 12:14**, Passover: *a memorial meal – unto the LORD!*)

II. And the rest of I Corinthians? Reproof & correction. Context. **Matthew 26:30, a hymn! (Psalm 113-118)**

I Corinthians 15:3,4, *Paul delivered the gospel first! & 11:23-26, 5:7,8, Christ our Passover. Keep the feast!*

The Corinthians got saved by the gospel. And Paul delivered other doctrine and truth during his 3 year ministry.

I Corinthians 11:2, *I praise you ... that ye remember me in all things*, (Had most of their doctrine strait.) *and keep the ordinances, [doctrines] as I delivered them unto you.* But they had not grown beyond the basic truths.

I Corinthians 14:26,40, 16:14, *Let all things be done: 1. unto edifying, 2. decently and in order, 3. with charity.*

III. And I Corinthians 11:23-26? Another example for admonition. The nearer context of **11:17-34**.

I Corinthians 9,10,11, Has 24 "happenings" from scripture for admonition. **Romans 15:4**, ... *for our learning,*

I Corinthians 10:11, *Now these things happened unto them for ensamples ... are written for our admonition,*

I Corinthians 10:14-22, Come together as the body of Christ – at *the Lord's table*, not (Idolatry) *the table of devils.*

I Corinthians 11:2, *I praise you ... that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them.*

Compare **11:17-34**, *Now in this I praise you not ...* Their conduct at *the supper* was now a problem!

It is a contradiction in **11:2**, to praise them for *remembering him in all things, and keeping the ordinances*

[doctrine] *he delivered*, if the supper was delivered as an ordinance to keep, because they were not keeping it!

Then the supper was **not** originally delivered as an *ordinance*, but something different. Perhaps a *custom*, **11:16**?

Paul is now setting in order the disorder and carnality here of *the Lord's supper*, another problem at Corinth.

He is delivering an *example for admonition* to correct a problem at Corinth, not a ceremony to observe.

V. The Passage: I Corinthians 11:17-34, The doctrine of the supper. *"Christ our Passover."* Saviour & Liberator!

11:17-22, The problem: *When ye come together;* Their behavior & carnal conduct. **Not** personal unworthiness!

*Everyone taketh before other his own supper, (This is your own supper, **not** the Lord's! He's the forgotten guest!)*

Despise ye the [local] church of God, and shame them that have not? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not!

11:23-26, The example & admonition: (mild language) It's important to gather and to remember the Lord!

Remember the Lord [and our **communion**, **10:16,17**] ... *as oft as ye eat ... (Not a law!) ... ye do shew his death,*

Probably actual bread & a cup at this meal. **A special occasion! The Lord's supper.** A "supper" – *unto the Lord.*

11:27-34, The rebuke & correction: *damnation* – You're doing something wrong! This is not about going to hell.

They are eating *unworthily* (the manner), *examine yourselves, judge yourselves,* **:30, For this cause many are**

Not discerning the Lord's body [a local church]. **12:27, Ye are the body of Christ!** **:weak and sickly among you,**

11:33, When ye come together to eat, tarry one for another! **:34, If** [you're that] *hungry, eat at home!* (:22)

The Lord's Supper occurs **once** in Paul's epistles, but not as a law. **Receive**, not dispute! **No divisions among you!**

Be sure to remember the Lord! There should be room for liberty of thought and conviction. **Romans 14:1 to 15:7**