

## 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!* (**Psalms 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**