

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 "Being Thoughtful about the Communion"

The Lord's Supper must be taken with reverence and respect for what God has done for us in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

- I. Paul identified (Think about) the problem within the community 17-22
 - a. There was separation among the members 17-19
 - b. There was selfishness within the members 20-22

Present problems:

- (1) cultural traditions based on attire, frequency, timing and the implements
- (2) lack of thought about what we are doing

- II. Paul instructed on (Think about) the purpose of the communion 23-26
 - a. It was to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ
 - b. It was to anticipate the return of Jesus Christ
- III. Paul included (Think about) the plan of correction 27-34
 - a. Recognize that personal evaluation was needed to avoid judgment
 - b. Remember the Lord's judgment was permeated with grace
 - c. Respect one another