

“Receiving The Lord’s Supper (for all it’s worth)”
January 6, 2013

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

PROP- Core value: fully receiving our inheritance in Christ. One of the most powerful ways He brings this reality to us: the Lord’s Supper.

1. RECEIVE HIM (v. 23-27)

“I received”- *to bring near; take and hold onto as valuable*

“I delivered”- *to entrust (something of great value)*

“This is My body”- *the middle loaf of unleavened bread*

“This cup is the new covenant in My blood”- *previously untouched*

“Messiah’s cup”

The purpose?

“Remembrance”- *to recollect; to grasp, bring near; no longer remote*

“Proclaim”- *to declare the lasting impact of His death (i.e., the Cross changes everything!)*

2. NOT IN AN UNWORTHY WAY

NOTE: Paul is addressing the way they were receiving as being “unworthy”—not the people being unworthy to receive.

“Worthy”- *weighing on scales to determine like value (gift ↔ gratitude)*

[PICTURE OF SCALE]

“Unworthy manner”- *indifferent; not valuing or receiving what has been done for us*

- **“Neglect (*careless; no regard for*) so great a salvation” (Hebrews 2:3)**
- **“The message was unprofitable (*not beneficial or prevailing*) because it was not mixed with faith.” (Hebrews 4:2)**

INDIFFERENCE affects us SPIRITUALLY:

(v. 27) We live “guilty”- *continually connected to a sense of shame or punishment*

NOTE: 1 John 4:19- “Fear has to do with punishment”. Accusation says, “Punishment will resolve this mistake you made...so either punish yourself OR let others punish you.

(v. 29) We “eat and drink judgment”- *decision to continually find fault and condemn (with no hope of change)*

INDIFFERENCE affects us PHYSICALLY:

(v. 29) Failure to “discern” (*clearly discriminate; decide; and settle in your heart*) the “Lord’s body”

Result: “weak, sickly, die”

3. IN A WORTHY WAY

“Worthy”- *valuing and being valued*

- **I VALUE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU** far above everything else!
 - I value You “buying me back” (redeeming me) by Your life’s blood!
 - I value You healing me and making me whole (body, soul, spirit) by the wounds You received in Your body!

[PICTURE OF UNLEAVENED BREAD]

- Pierced for our sins (*transgression & iniquities*)
 - Wounded for our healing (*stripes*)
 - Receiving the full penalty for our rebellion
-
- **I AM VALUED BY YOU**
 - You have broken the power of sin off of my life
 - “Sin” is not just “missing the mark”—it’s “missing the Father.”
 - You “brought me” back...because You “bought me back” (redeemed).
 - You did not “leave us as orphans.” You came to us (John 14:18)!
 - I have a name (*identity; don’t have to make a name for myself!!!*)
 - I have received gifts (*orphans don’t; I can be generous*)
 - I have an inheritance (*I have a destiny; will leave a legacy*)