

HAPPY SUNDAY FROM SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



Communion Sunday- March 2025

Scripture Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-30 (NLT)

17 But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together. 18 First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. 19 But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized! 20 When you meet together you are not really interested in the Lord's Supper. 21 For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. 22 What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this!

23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread 24 and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." 26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. 27 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. 29 For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

Why Do Many Christians Diminish The Importance Of The Cross In Their Thinking

- 1 - A diminishing sense of God's true holiness
 - 2 - A diminishing sense of mankind's sinfulness
 - 3 - An ever increasing sense of self-worth and self importance
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3 Observations From The Corinthians Lack Of Sacredness Towards The Lord's Table

1 - Lack Of Equality - Vs 17-22

2 - Never Forgetting - Vs 23-26

3 - Jesus Takes This Seriously - Vs 27-30

Additional Scriptures From Todays Message

Joshua chapters 3-4 - Crossing the Jordon River into the promise land. Building a memorial to this event for future generations with stones from the bottom of the Jordon River.

Exodus 12 -The deliverance of the Israelites out of Egypt by a powerful move of God and the first Passover celebration that was to be celebrated annually to remember this event.

Romans 3:23-24 -There is no difference between Jew & Gentile, for all have sinned & fall short of the glory of God and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.