

1 CORINTHIANS

Correcting the Church “Unity and the Lord’s Supper”

INTRO: *In addressing issues related to worship practices in Corinth, Paul turned his attention to the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and its critical relationship with Church unity.*

- I. **The Lord’s Supper is a _____ of _____ celebrating our _____ in Christ (11:23-26).** *It is one of only two ordinances given the Church by Jesus (Believer’s baptism being the other). The Lord’s Supper reminds Believers of Jesus’ sacrifice and celebrates our unity in Him.*

- II. **Unjust _____ is contrary to the message of _____ celebrated in the Lord’s Supper (11:17-22).** *Discrimination shows a sinful disregard for the price that Jesus paid to make us One Body in Him.*

- III. **Believers must _____ unity or risk God’s _____ when they _____ share the Lord’s Supper (11:27-34).** *While the “fellowship meal” (a.k.a. “love feast” cf. Jude 12) is not commonly practiced today, we must apply measures to ensure that no division exists in our church.*
 - A. *Examine one’s _____ to church _____.*
*Am I a **uniter** or a **divider**? Do I exemplify unity in behavior?*

 - B. *Exercise effective _____ measures if necessary. Sometimes the necessary measures are simple, like that which Paul offered the Corinthians.*