

SERMON SERIES
UNITING IN WORSHIP
“DISCERNING THE BODY”

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

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I. All who partake of Christ’s body are part of Christ’s body.
(vv. 27, 29 31)

“Whoever... eats... or drinks ... in an unworthy manner”

“... anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body...”

“wait for one another”: _____ *one another*

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

“To sin against those for whom Christ shed his blood and gave his body is to sin against Christ himself.” *-Richard Pratt*

“God provides a regular portion of his grace for sinners at the Table, so they are encouraged to relish it, celebrate it, enjoy it, and feed on Christ.” *-Stephen Um*

“Identifying oneself with the body of Christ by partaking of the Supper, while showing contempt for other members of that body, is partaking of the Supper in an unworthy manner.” *-Keith Mathison*

II. Jesus judges those who drink judgment on themselves.
(vv. 27, 29-34)

“will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord”

“body eats and drinks judgement on himself.”

“That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.”

“so that when you come together it will not be for judgment.”

Leviticus 10:1
Joshua 7:1, 4-5
2 Samuel 6:6
Acts 5:1-11; 9:4-5; 16:14, 16, 32-34
1 Corinthians 10:22

“Christians come together because they have all been saved by Jesus Christ and owe him a common allegiance ... they are a band of natural enemies who love one another for Jesus’ sake.”
-D.A. Carson

III. Judge yourself so you aren’t judged by Jesus. (vv. 28, 31-34)

“Let a person examine himself”

“if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged”

“we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

“eat at home”

Matthew 5:23-24

“Grace ‘received’ that is not recognized as such is not grace at all; and grace ‘received’ that does not recognize the need to be gracious to others is to miss the point of the Table altogether.”
-Gordon Fee