

**Paul now goes to the next issue to be dealt with in the
Corinthians Church: Coming to the Lord's Supper in a way that is
dishonoring to Christ.**

If you were here this morning, I briefly commented on this. Paul reproved the Corinthian Church for being "worse" and not "better" after gathering together; specifically, to take the Lord's Supper.

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

**In (Verse 17), Paul said, "ye come together NOT for the better,
but for the worse:**

And NOW in (Verse 18), Paul wrote: "When ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it"

No doubt, Paul "heard" how they partook of the Lord's Supper, and it greatly concerned him. 1 Corinthians 10:31

We can go all the way back to 1 Corinthians 1:10-11. So now, Paul tells them, when "I hear" that there are divisions (schisms) in the church, I partly, or I have reason to believe it.

(Verse 19): And you know what? "There MUST also be
heresies among you, that they which are approved may be
made manifest among you"

Consider what Paul wrote here; God allowed the heresies INTO the church; to come in AMONG them so that THEY WHICH WERE APPROVED (to be genuine believers) might be made manifest or RECOGNIZED in the congregation to be sound in the faith.

**(Verse 20): When they came together to partake of the Lord's
Supper, they WERE NOT coming together to eat the Lord's Supper.**

They were (in effect) filling their plates to fill satisfy their hunger and drinking wine as if they were at a feast. There was no introspection, no remembrance of the broken body and shed blood of the Lord Jesus.

They were only concerned with satisfying the hunger of their bellies, but there was no hunger and thirst after righteousness.

1 Corinthians 11:21-22

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 READ: This is what I "RECEIVED" of or from the Lord Jesus, and this is ALSO what I "DELIVERED" or entrusted to you in PARTAKING of the Lord's Supper.

**(Verse 27): Eating the bread and drinking the cup of the Lord
unworthily is PRECISELY what they were doing when they came to the
table of the Lord.**

I take you back to (Verse 20): They were coming together to eat the Lord's Supper UNWORTHILY and in a way that was dishonoring to the Lord!

They were guilty of the body and blood of the Lord! Instead of honoring the Lord Jesus and "remembering" His sacrifice for

their sins, they dishonored Christ by polluting the Lord's table with their sins. Hebrews 10:28-29

Instead of honoring Christ in the Lord's Supper they provoked God by their sin in dishonoring the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Verse 28): Participation ONLY after Examination:

The Lord's Supper is a time to try yourself...do I possess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in His Person and work alone?

2 Corinthians 13:5, Philippians 2:12, 2 Peter 1:10-11

(Verses 29-30): There were and are consequences to those who eat and drink unworthily.

(Verses 31-32): Judge yourself, so that you will not be condemned with the world!