

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 & Lord's Supper Form, 1st half
Singing: 69:1-3, 6 – 337:1-4 – 384:1, 4-5

Opening observations

- Samuel's appearance caused great fear: 1 Sam 16:4-5
- Reverence and respect are fitting: Ex. 19:10-13; Lev. 10:3
- Preparation (sanctify thyself) is Biblical: 1 Cor. 11:26-30

I. 1 Cor. 11:17-24 is to guide believers how to use the Lord's Supper

A. Address: *saints who in ignorance and/or neglect dishonored LS*

1. converted sinners can eat 'unworthily'
2. to such saints, the Supper will not be spiritually profitable (v. 30)

B. The Lord's Supper Form is to aid us in this preparation

1. by *examination*
2. by *education*

C. Purpose: *not to keep people from but to guide God's people to use the Lord's Supper properly*

II. Brief exposition of the Biblical teaching of the Lord's Supper Form

1. Form is written *to help us to celebrate LS to our comfort*
2. Form guides us to examine: *Am I a true and upright believer?*
 - a. 1 Cor 11:24: *implies the Supper is for believers (John 10:25-27)*

b. How do I know I am one of His sheep?

- examine whether ye are in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5)
- examine the 3 spiritual vital signs

3. Examination:

a. Do I repent of my sins I discover in myself?

- consider your own sins
- consider the curse due to your sins (Ps. 51:4)
- consider the weight of your sins thru cross of Jesus

b. Do I believe (trust) in Jesus Christ as only Name?

- Holy Spirit leads from sin to salvation through faith
- emphasis in Form: *Do I believe in Gospel of Jesus?*
- yet emphasis is not *on the faith* but *Object of faith*

c. Do I live a converted/converting life?

- measure is not in the level of attainment in holiness
- measure is in the habit of heart towards holiness

d. Who are now the 'worthy partakers?'

4. The closing or opening of Table: 1 Cor. 11:28

- a. Formal church discipline bars officially

b. Personal examination is to bar you personally: 1 Cor. 10:21

5. The pastoral section to the tender and contrite hearts

a. Who usually are deepest affected by 1 Cor. 11:27?

b. What do all upright souls confess?

- Romans 7:12-25