

"An Ultimate Dinner Invitation"

Sunday, September 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34

BIG IDEA: Remember our association with the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

1 Corinthians 11:26 (CSB)



What is the Lord's Supper?

- It is a "fellowship meal".
- It is a "memorial meal".
- It is a "commitment meal".
- It is a "testimonial meal".
- It is a "prophetic meal".



Who should take the Lord's Supper?

- Only those who are believers.



How do I prepare for the Lord's Supper?

- By thorough self-examination.
- By confessing my sin.

- By active recommitment.
- By restoring broken relationships.



When and how often should we observe the Lord's Supper?

- Although not Scripturally stipulated, on some regular ongoing basis.
- In anticipation of our Lord Jesus Christ's return in power and glory.

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READ: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

THINK: As you mull over Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians regarding the LORD'S SUPPER, ask yourself these questions: *What was dinnertime like for you growing up? Who ate everything in sight; who ate like a bird; who was a picky eater; who cleaned up? How was the Lord's Supper being distorted and abused among the Corinthians (v17-22)? Why did Paul recount the details of the original Lord's Supper? Why did Jesus say, "Do this in remembrance of me."? What does it mean to observe the Lord's Supper "until He comes"? What does Paul mean by eating and drinking "in an unworthy manner" (v27)? By "not recognizing the body of the Lord" (v29)? By self-examination (v28)? By judging ourselves (v31)? What is the alternative to this self-examination (v32, 34)?*

DO: Pick two or three of the characteristics of the Lord's Supper as identified in this message ("What is the Lord's Supper?"), and imagine how you would describe in your own word to a non-believer how the Lord's Supper accomplishes each of these. And by all means, let's each one examine ourselves as we participate in the Lord's Supper, remembering **Him** and **His great sacrifice** for our sins.