

1 Corinthians 11:17-34  
**EXAMINE YOURSELF**  
1 Corinthians 11:28

- I. Work out your own salvation.  
Philippians 2:12; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Colossians 1:21-29
- II. Drawing near to God.  
James 4:7-12
- III. Remember the Lord and what He has done.  
1 Corinthians 23-26
- The meaning of the bread. (Vs. 23-24)
- The meaning of the cup. (vs. 25)
- The reason for observing the Lord's Supper. (vs. 26)
- IV. The severe consequences for partaking of the Lord's Supper unworthily. (Vs. 27-30)
- The Corinthians were guilty of partaking of the Lord's Supper with:
- 1) a spirit of division (vs. 18)
  - 2) a spirit of heresy (factions, parties, cliques) (vs. 19)
  - 3) a spirit of self deception (vs. 20)
  - 4) a spirit of selfishness and indulgence (vs. 21)
  - 5) a spirit of drunkenness (vs. 21)
  - 6) a spirit of neglecting the poor (vs. 21)
  - 7) a spirit of irreverence and carelessness in protecting the sanctity of the Church (vs. 22)
  - 8) a spirit of unthoughtfulness and carelessness in approaching the Lord's Supper (Vs. 18-22)

The above list seems to indicate that having sin within ones heart and life is what is meant by partaking unworthily. If we eat this bread and drink this cup with unconfessed sin in our hearts and lives, how can we be counted worthy? Our only worthiness is Jesus Christ and the only time we are counted worthy by His is when we are walking:

- 1) in constant confession
- 2) in constant repentance in Him
- 3) in constant praise of His mercy and grace

We have no righteous of our own, so the only time we could be counted worthy would be when we are walking in constant fellowship with Him.

- V. The right approach to the Lord's Supper. (Vs. 31-34)
- 1) Judge and examine self.
  - 2) Accept the chastening of the Lord.
  - 3) Serve one another.
  - 4) Do not bring condemnation upon yourselves.