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DOING THE LORD'S
SUPPER THE RIGHT WAY

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Text: 1 Corinthians 11

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**1. The Lord’s Supper is Not
Supposed to be Fun,
Fanatical, or Factional
(vv17-22, 33-34)**

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1 Cor. 11:17 But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.

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18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part,

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19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

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20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat.

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21 For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.

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22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

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**33 So then, my brothers,
when you come together to
eat, wait for one another—**

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34 if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

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2. The Lord's Supper is the Christian's 'Passover'; It's Not Optional for True Believers and It's Not Transubstantiation, But Worship, Honor, and Remembering Christ's Sacrifice (vv23-26)

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23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

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24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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

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**3. The Lord’s Supper is for
Christians Only and Personal
Spiritual Examination is Required
Each Time We Participate (vv27-32)**

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²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

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28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

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29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

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

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31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

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32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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BONUS:

We Should Observe It As Often As Needed to Maintain Its Incredible, Godly Significance and Uniqueness – But Not So Often It Becomes Mechanical and Meaningless.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the
CORINTHIANS

PAUL, ^acalled to be an apostle
of Jesus Christ ^bthrough the
will of God, and ^cSos'the-nēs our
brother,

To the church of God which is
in Corinth, to those who ^aare
sanctified in Christ Jesus, ^bcalled
to be saints, with all who in every
place call on the name of Jesus
Christ ^cour Lord, ^dboth theirs and

and peace from

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1 ^aRom. 1:1
^b2 Cor. 1:1
^cActs 18:17

2 ^a[Acts 15:9]
^bRom. 1:7
^c[1 Cor. 8:6]
^d[Rom. 3:22]
¹set apart

3 ^aRom. 1:7

4 ^aRom. 1:8

5 ^a[1 Cor. 12:8]
¹speech

6 ^a2 Tim. 1:8
¹Or among

7 ^aPhil. 3:20

same mind and in the same judg-
ment.

11 For it has been declared to
concerning you, my brethren
those of Chlō'ē's household
there are ¹contentions and

12 Now I say this, that
you says, "I am of Paul
of ^bA-pol'los," or "I
phas," or "I am of Ch-

13 ^aIs Christ divid-
crucified for you
baptized in the n-

14 I thank Go-
^anone of you e-

^cCā'i-us,