

# PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

## 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 11:17-34

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### BEING A BELIEVER – PART 2

*WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Discipleship, Fellowship, Obedience, Carnality**

### 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the **better** but for the **worse**. :18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are **divisions** among you, and in part I believe it. :19 For there must also be **factions** among you, that those who are **approved** may be recognized among you. :20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. :21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. :22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise **the church of God** and **shame** those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.. :23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was **betrayed** took bread; :24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**" :25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the **new covenant** in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of Me.**" :26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim** the Lord's **death** (till) **He comes**. :27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. :28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. :29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. :30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. :31 For if we would **judge ourselves**, we would not be judged. :32 But when we are judged, we are **chastened** by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. :33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. :34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

## Recapping form Last Weeks Message:

### “BEING A BELIEVER”

*WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!*

1.) Means we remember our liberation v.17-22

1a.) We’ve been liberated from segregation v.17-19

1b.) We’ve been liberated from selfishness v.20-22

2.) Means we remember our satisfaction v.23-26

2a.) Our fear has been satisfied v.23-24

2b.) Our questions have been satisfied v.25

## This Weeks Message Begins:

### REMEMBERING OUR SATISFACTION

2c.) Our existence has been satisfied v.26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you **proclaim** the Lord’s **death** (till) **He comes**.



**Proclaim** *katagge÷llw kataggello, kat-ang-gel’-lo*; to promulgate. To declare, to preach. to tell the message.

#### Deuteronomy 8:3

So the Lord humbled you, He allowed you to hunger, and He fed you with manna which you did not know of nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that **man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.**

Our “Bread” is Jesus Christ

**John 6:33,35**

For the bread of God is **He who has come down** (*manna*) **from heaven** and gives life to the world, **:35** And Jesus said to them, **“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger**, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

**John 6:47-51**

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. **:48** I am the bread of life. **:49** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **:50** This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **:51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

How Satisfied Are You This Morning?  
How Restful Are You In Your Soul Today?

**Isaiah 55:1-3**

“Is any of you thirsty? Come and drink - even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk – it is free! **:2** Why spend money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen, and I will tell you says the Lord, where to get food that is good for your soul! **:3** **“Come to Me with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake. I am ready to make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the mercies and unfailing love that I promised to David.”**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

**Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and **you will find rest for your souls. :30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

**“BEING A BELIEVER”**

***WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!***

**3.) Means we remember our expectation**

**v.27-34**

# REMEMBERING OUR EXPECTATION

## 3a.) We have an expectation of forgiveness

v.27-29

:27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord **in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.** :28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. :29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not **discerning** the Lord's body.

**This is a grave and serious warning by the Apostle** regarding the mockery of Christ's Suffering and Death. – Should a person “consider it a common or unnecessary thing” – that person “**will be guilty**”

### This is a Great Place for Us to Pause.

Because the warning is to a person who's not intimate with Jesus. This is a person who is underestimating the power and sufficiency of Christ, of His body and blood for salvation.

#### Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, :5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, :6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

#### Luke 8:11-15 NLT Version

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. :12 The seed that fell on the hard path represents those who hear the message, but then the Devil comes and steals it away and prevents them from believing and being saved. :13 The rocky soil represents those who hear the message with joy. But like young plants in poor soil, their roots don't go very deep. They believe for a while, but they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow. :14 The thorny ground represents those who hear and accept the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. :15 But the good soil represents honest, good-hearted people who hear God's message, cling to it, and steadily produce an increasing harvest.

:28 But let a man **examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. :29 For he who eats and drinks in an **unworthy manner** eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

👉 **Examine dokimaζzw dokimazo, dok-im-ad´-zo;** to be tested or tried, to allow yourself to be reviewed, to “cross” examine. The acid test.

## On What Basis, What Reason, Are You Qualified for Heaven?

(how are you getting in to heaven?)

### On The Basis of the Cross

#### Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

#### 2 Corinthians 13:5

**Examine** yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

**Examine peiraζzw peirazo, pi-rad´-zo;** from 3984; to acid wash or pour the acid on or over. A more “violent” testing. A strict and hard self-examination.

Applying The Word of God Personally.

(a deep introspective search over and around of your new life – is it real)

#### Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, :23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. :24 And **those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires. :25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

#### Hebrews 10:14-17

For by one offering Jesus Christ has perfected forever those who are **being sanctified**. :15 But the Holy Spirit also **witnesses to us**; for after He had said before, :16 *“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,”* :17 *then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”*

### Romans 8:14-16

For as many as are **led** (*carried, lifted, held up by*) by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **:15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received **the Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." **:16** **The Spirit Himself** bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Applying The Word of God Personally -  
Examine Your Faith Now

## REMEMBERING OUR EXPECTATION

**3b.) We have an expectation of correction**

**v.30-32**

**:30** For this reason **many are weak** and **sick** among you, **and many sleep**. **:31** For if we would **judge ourselves**, we would not be judged. **:32** But when we are judged, we are **chastened** by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

### This is The Fear of The Lord

Is there something going on in your life that you know is wrong and you seem to be getting away with it? If you are getting away with it then it is almost certain that God Himself has no knowledge of you – "personally".

#### Proverbs 9:10

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

#### 2 Chronicles 19:7

Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes."

#### 2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

## REMEMBERING OUR EXPECTATION

### 3c.) We have an expectation of unity v. 33-34

:33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

:34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

#### Psalm 133:1-3 NLT Version

How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live together in **Unity** (*harmony*):2 For **Unity** (*harmony*) is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. :3 **Unity** (*harmony*) is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And the LORD has pronounced his blessing, - Life forevermore!

**All Stop // All Silence // All Wait**

**“BEING A BELIEVER MUST BE A CHOICE  
THAT YOU AND ONLY YOU CAN MAKE”**

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