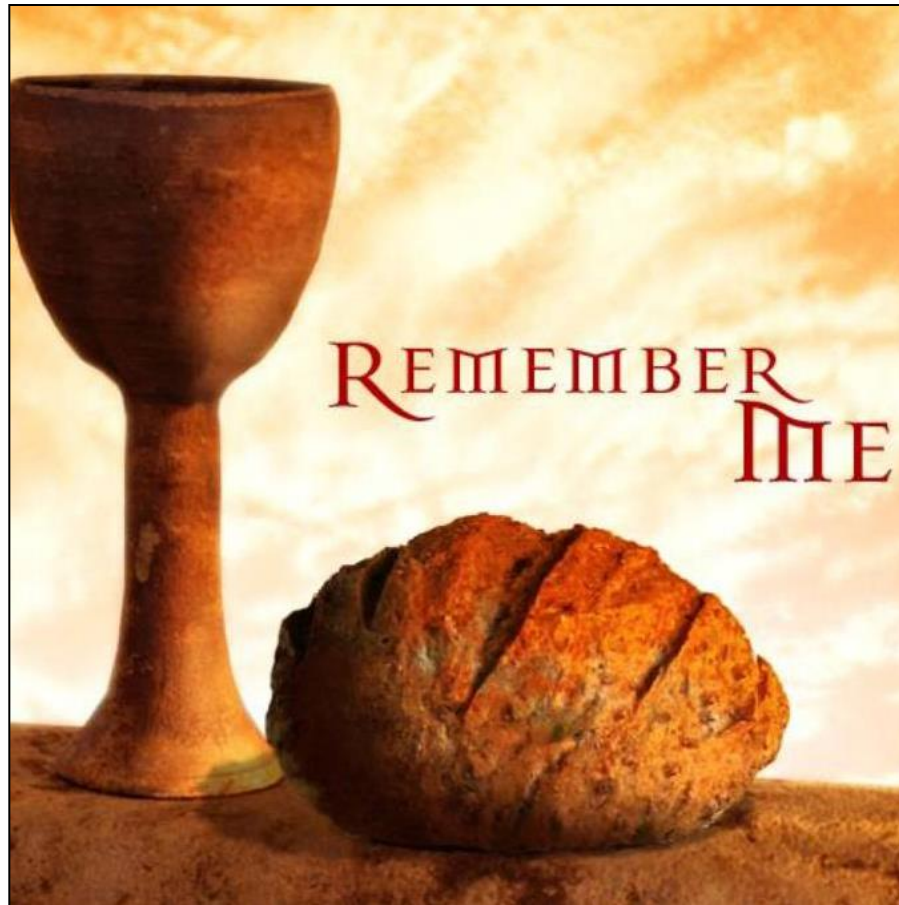


The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-34



In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. 1 Corinthians 11:17



not like it was meant to be ...

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God . Acts 2:46

In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

1 Corinthians 11:18

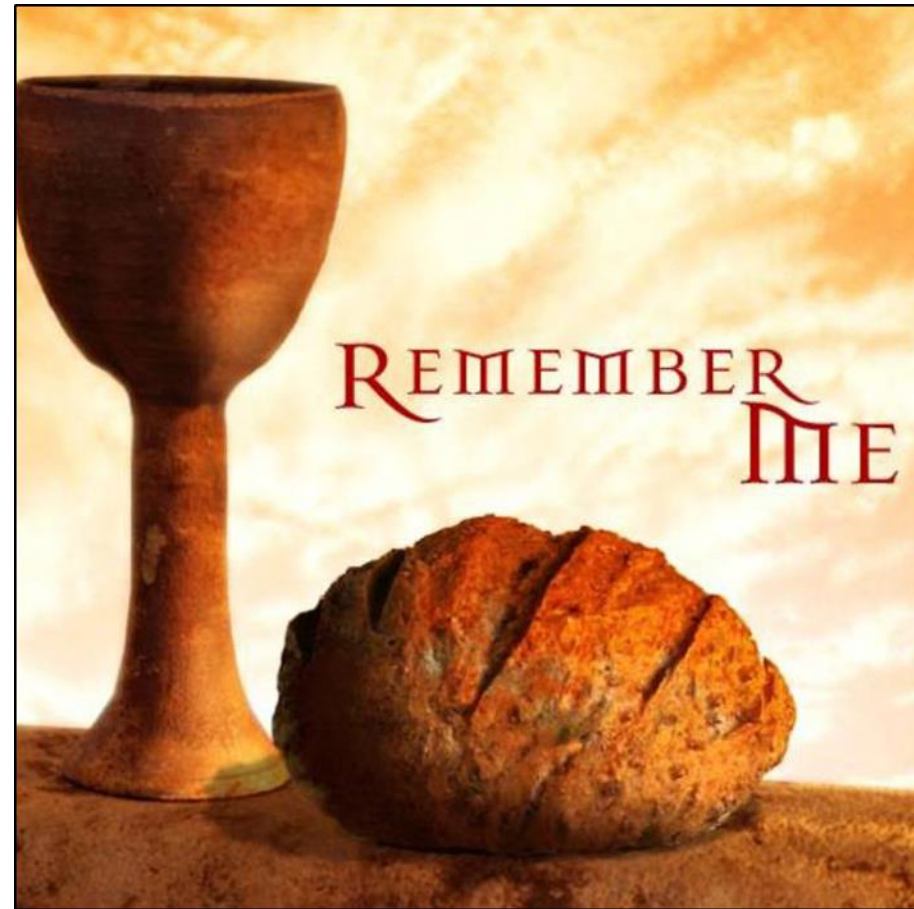


No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. 1 Corinthians 11:19

God allows certain things to happen for a reason.



So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. 1 Corinthians 11:20-21



Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

1 Corinthians 11:22



For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

1 Corinthians 11: 23



A message from heaven

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11-12

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is (broken) for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-24



It's a Metaphor (It remains BREAD)

- Because
1. Jesus hands were holding it at the time
 2. Jesus used similar language before
(eg I am the vine, the door, the gate)
 3. the Passover feast where it first happened
was a memorial feast

NO



Is it the bread that counts or what happens to it ?



Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Luke 24:35

It isn't a wafer → no crumbs

What is the bread meant to represent ?

my body,
which is broken
for you



Because there is
one loaf, we, who
are many, are one
body, for we all
share the one loaf.

1Cor.10:17



In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood;" 1 Corinthians 11:25

The cup is
the means
for us to
share the
wine.



It's a Metaphor (It remains WINE)

- Because
1. Jesus hands were holding it at the time
 2. Jesus says that it's the CUP and its contents that represent the New Covenant
A new relationship with the Lord
 3. "in my blood" is equivalent to "broken"

They point us to Jesus and his sacrificial death for us



do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
1 Corinthians 11:25

“Whenever”

=

Something
to be repeated



in remembrance
of me

The focus is on
Jesus

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Looking back



Looking forward



Proclaim - a confession of our faith : We believe

**he died,
was buried,
rose again,
ascended into heaven,
will return in glory**

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 11:27

**This is a serious matter
not to be taken casually or as something ordinary**

**Mistreating the representation
means
Mistreating what it represents**



Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

1 Corinthians 11:28



ought to examine

Attitude to others, known unconfessed sin

Before: - not worthy = OK

sense of brokenness and need = OK

For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 1 Corinthians 11:29

“discerning the body of Christ”

Recognizing and respecting that this represents Jesus and what he has done for you

If not , you will arouse God’s displeasure and there are consequences !



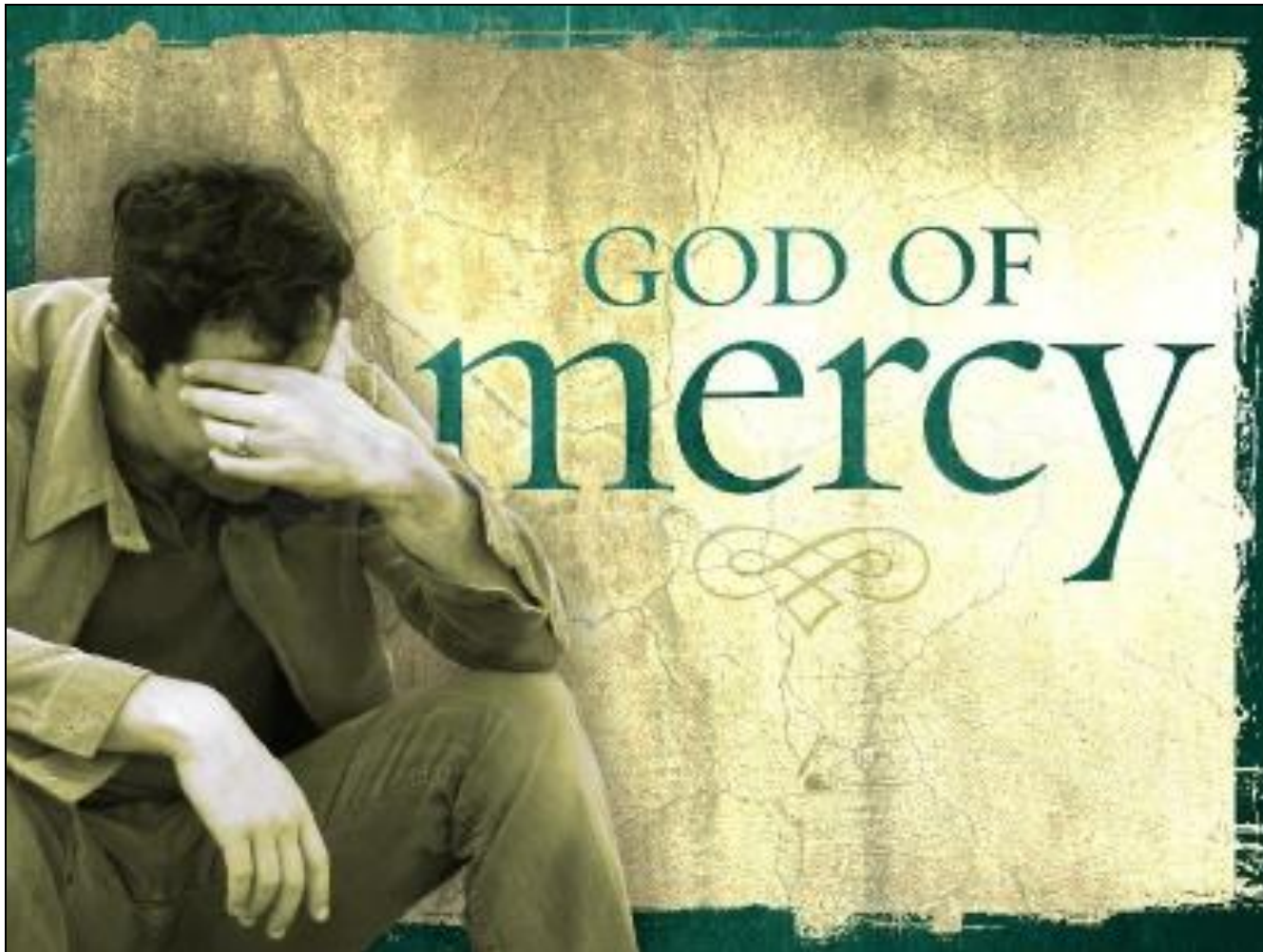
That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

1 Corinthians 11:30-31



Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:32

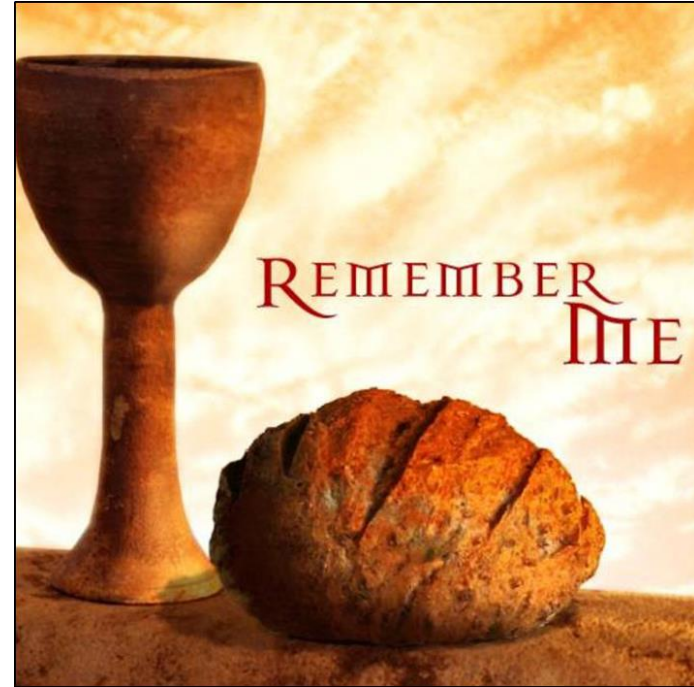
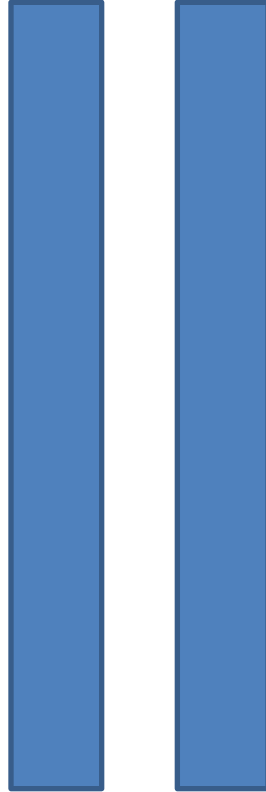


So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. 1 Corinthians 11:33-34

The Lord's Supper is NOT about having a meal



And when I come I will give further directions. 1Corinthians 11:34



I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

1Corinthians 10:15-17

