

Taking the Lord's Supper, the Communion, in a "Worthy Manner"

1Corinthians 11:23 - 34

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During the last meal that Jesus had with His disciples, on the night that He was betrayed, Jesus instructed His disciples as to how they were to remember His sacrificial death as the **"Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."** John 1:29.

Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day according to the Gospel. 1Corinthians 15:3.

In the night in which He was betrayed, **Jesus took bread**, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My Body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." 1Corinthians 11:23, 24

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, saying, **"This cup is the New Testament/Covenant in My Blood;** do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 1Corinthians 11:25.

"For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till He comes." 1Corinthians 11:26.

The whole of the Biblical revelation of redemption; from Genesis, Genesis 3:15; to the Gospels, John 1:29; to Revelation, Revelation 5:9, 10; focuses around **this sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross.**

Here, the sinless, perfect, Son of the Almighty Living God, poured out His life for sinful, condemned humanity.

There has never been, and never will be, a greater sacrifice made than this.

This act of love is supreme. 1John 4:10, Romans 5:8, 10.

Here the sinless, perfect, Creator of all things, laid down His life, to redeem back to Himself, His rebellious fallen creation.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1John 4:10.

("Propitiation": or the sacrifice that satisfied the wrath and justice of God, so that God could forgive our sins. John 3:36, Ephesians 2:3, 1John 1:9, Romans 5:10, Romans 3:24, 25, John 1:29, 2Corinthians 5:21)

This is what we are remembering at the Communion Table of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And He is the God of justice, fairness, and equity. Isaiah 45:21. "And there is no God beside Me, a just God and a Saviour."

What He has done for us, He demands and commands that we treat others the same way.

That is, that when we come to the Communion Table, to celebrate, and receive, by faith, the blessings of what Jesus has provided for us, and what Jesus has done for us, we must come in full forgiveness of others, Mark 11:25, 26, Luke 17:3, 4, Luke 11:4, Matthew 6:12 – 15, releasing them from our judgment, Matthew 7:1, 2, Luke 6:37, releasing them from our condemnation, Luke 6:37, and praying blessing upon them. Luke 6:27, 28.

In praying blessing on others, where there is conflict, I often pray Acts 26:18.

If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15.

Luke 6:27 – 37 is a key passage of what Jesus expects of us in our attitudes towards others.

This passage is our guide as to what Jesus requires of us in our relationships with others, friends or enemies.