

Bible Study | 1 Corinthians 10 + 11 | May 17th, 2020

- I. Prayer

- II. An exceedingly long introduction into why we read the way we read and what that means for reading Corinthians.

- III. 1 Corinthians 11
 - 1) The Gathering of the Church and What is Happening It (vv. 17-22)
 - a. Doing more harm than good
 1. Divisions among people
 2. People engaging in “Private Suppers”
 - a. Some are not receiving food
 - b. Others are taking all the wine
 - c. Missing the point of gathering as church
 3. The community (body?) is not united.
 - 2) The Institution and Ordinance (vv. 23-26)
 1. Ordinance refers to the mandate, context, and setting of the supper.
 2. Institution denotes the specific elements and words used by the Lord to establish this sacred meal.

- 3) An Unworthy Manner / sinning against the body and blood / etc.
 1. What does that mean?
 - a. You can celebrate the *institution* (with the elements and words) but it may not be as Christ *intended* (ordinance).
 - b. Specifically, (at least according to the text), the worthiness question has something to do with how the community is celebrating it. We, on the other hand, have made this a sort of individualistic act (because the text allows for that too, see v. 28).
 - c. Discernment of the *body and blood* and discernment of the *body* and discerning of *ourselves*.
 1. What are we being asked to examine?

- 4) What does 1 Corinthians 10 do to help us with this?
 1. Old Testament Context (vv. 1-10)
 2. Idolatry in the context of the supper (v. 14-22)
 3. My Rights and Stuff (v. 23-24)

4. Conscience, thankfulness, the Glory of God,
stumbling, etc. (vv. 25-33)

5) So... what?