

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

“Division in the Body Dishonors the Head”

*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. 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, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. 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.*

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

*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. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.*

*So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—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. (1 Corinthians 11:17-34 ESV)*



My hope is that from today's message, each one of us will evaluate our relationships in this church and ensure that we are modeling Christ-likeness toward every member of the body, not falling prey to Satan as a tool for division.

## **I. Division in the Body Disqualifies the Gathering**



The real feast is the supremacy and glory of Jesus Christ.

## **II. Division in the Body Draws Judgment**

If we do not correct ourselves, the Lord will see to it Himself.

## **III. Division in the Body Disregards the Gospel**

It is right and good to be drawn toward a group or a person because of love or a common bond, but it is not right and good to be divided because of a lack of love.

Tim Keller (*Center Church*)

“...we are saved by believing the Gospel, and then we are transformed in every part of our minds, hearts, and lives by believing the Gospel more and more deeply as life goes on.”