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1 Corinthians 11:23-34 - The Lord's Table, Part 2

- **1 Corinth 11:23** – “*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;*”
 - What did Paul *receive from the Lord that which he also delivered to you?*
 - Presumably this was a direct communication from the Lord Jesus Christ about how the Lord’s Table should be carried out.
 - The term for Lord is *kyrios* which refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, after His resurrection.
 - And when did this occur?
 - *Gal 1:12 - For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
 - See *2 Cor 12:1-4* and *Acts 22:17,18*
 - The reference is to *the same night in which He was betrayed - Matt 26:23-25.*
 - Why do you think Paul needed to mention the betrayal by Judas?



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- This is the Passover meal.
- *took bread*, not a wafer!
- **1 Corinth 11:24** – “*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.”*”
 - Both *eat* and *broken* are not in the original text.
 - For what did the Lord Jesus *give thanks*, or as the 3 gospel accounts indicate, *blessed?*
 - The breaking of bread is related to *His body which is for you.*
 - *you* here in the Greek is *of yours.*
 - Remember, *broken* is not in the original text; therefore I make something very special out of this simile, do you?
 - » Identification, identification, identification!
 - *John 6:48 – I am the bread of life*, and as His body was crucified as we were with him (*Rom 6:3-6*), the exchanged life we live it is His life or *bread* being lived out within us.



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- Think then of the *bread* at the Lord's Table as our sin nature being crucified, and that we no longer are left to ourselves, but we are *new creations in Christ Jesus* that by faith His life is lived out in us!

- » *1 Cor 10:17 - For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.*
- » *2 Cor 5:21 - For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
- » *Gal 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.*

- ***1 Corinth 11:25 – “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.”***

- *In the same manner – what manner was this?*
- Notice that the cup was second, after the bread, why?
 - Before God the source of sin, the sin nature goes first, and once gone the value of the cup takes on more meaning.

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- *This cup is the new covenant in My blood.*
 - What is this *new covenant*?
 - Let's return to the basics of OT atonement.
 - » *Heb 9:12-14, 18-22*
 - » *Heb 13:20 - Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*
 - » *1 John 2:2 - And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*
 - » Every last sin paid for!
 - » *Rom 8:1 – There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,*
- *This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*
 - Why do you think this is proclaimed after the cup and not the bread?
 - Perhaps not, let's look at the next verse.
- ***1 Corinth 11:26 – “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.”***

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- And the Lord's death is the sin nature and it's results – sins!
- *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup.*
 - Once a month?
- *you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*
 - Do we need the Lord's Table to do so?
 - No, and this should not be just a simple rededication by the flesh as is the practice in many settings.
 - And for the church His coming is the rapture, not the Millennium!
 - *John 14:3 - And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*
- ***1 Corinth 11:27 – “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body of the Lord.***
 - What would be considered *unworthy*?
 - Unsaved, feeling you need to be less sinful, doctrine of transubstantiation, and/or refers to the restaurant-like atmosphere of *1 Cor 11:20-22*?

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- *body* but not *blood* in the original text – why?
- *guilty of the body of the Lord.*
 - *guilty* perceives crime worthy of punishment
 - How does this relate to the *Lord's Table*?
 - » *John 6:63,64 - "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.*
 - » *1 Cor 10:21 - You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.*
- ***1 Corinth 11:28,29 – “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks (in an unworthy manner) eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the (Lord's) body.”***
 - What kind of *examination* (or put to the test) and what kind of judgment is this?

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- Rom 13:2 - *Whosoever therefore resists the power, resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*
- 1 Cor 5:5 - *To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*
 - And now the judgment!
- ***1 Corinth 11:30-32 – “For this reason many are weak (feeble) and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.”***
 - *For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (die?).*
 - This must have been happening in Corinth, but is this true today?
 - Psalm 32:5 - *I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions*



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- unto the LORD; and thou forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*
- Notice the results of the self judgment, *we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.*
 - Does this suggest the judgment is from our flesh?
 - Is the condemnation for the act, or eternity?
 - Heb 12:6 - *For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives.*
 - Heb 12:8 - *But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*
 - ***1 Corinth 11:33-34 – “Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. 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.”***
 - This seems to address the *unworthy* manner doesn't it?