

# 1 Corinthians 29 – 11:13-26

## The Lord's Supper

### 1. 11:13 – Is it Comely?

- a. “Judge in yourselves” – which is to say, judge as wise – 1 Cor 10:15
- b. Is it right that woman's glory be on display not holding the head? Col 2:18-19
- c. Comely *def*~ proper, decent, suitable in that time or place, becoming of a saint

### 2. 11:14-16 – How Nature Teaches Us

- a. Paul gives a dozen reasons to keep order under God
- b. Nature was made by God, but we can only know God by faith – Rom 1:17-20
- c. Sin corrupts nature, our nature has changed - Rom 1:25, 26, 31, 1Cor 2:14, Eph 2:3
- d. He appeals to nature as God intended – Rom 2:14, Num 6:5, 1 Cor 11:14-15
- e. Contentions? Don't uncover. Paul's custom = walking orderly - 2 Thess 3:6

### 3. 11:17-19 – Coming Together for Worse

- a. This describes a lot of people (marriage, family, churches); the solution is same
- b. The divisions were described in chap 1-10: 1:11, 3:4, 4:6, 6:8, 7:5, 8:11, 12:25
- c. Parts of the body may get rubbed the wrong way – Eph 4:15-19
- d. Heresies existed among them – 2 Cor 2:17, 4:2-4, 11:3-4, Rom 11:28, Phil 3:18-19
- e. Evil communications (doctrine) corrupt good manners – 1 Cor 15:32-33

### 4. 11:20-22 – The Problem Stated

- a. “ye come together in one place” – this is a special meal, not a divided one
- b. Communion, Lord's table, vs. Lord's supper – 1 Cor 10:16, 10:21, 11:20
- c. The problem: the Lord's supper (charity) vs. their own supper (selfish)
  - i. “Taking before others” – proper order addressed in 11:33
  - ii. Hungry and drunk – proper order addressed in 11:34
- d. Condemn – *def*~ to pronounce to be utterly wrong, to blame, to be guilty
- e. 11:22 - Shame would come if they starved and had need.

### 5. 11:23-26 – The Purpose of Eating Together

- a. 11:22 - Paul had a revelation from the Lord to come together to eat this supper
- b. This is a new thing, not an old thing: 2 Cor 5:17 not Mat 26:26, Mk 14:22, Lk 22:19
- c. Things that differ: communion doctrine, body/blood, timing, purpose, audience
- d. Paul is emphasizing the “remembrance of me” not the Passover – Col 2:16
- e. When the Lord supped, he gave food and himself to others, so should they.
- f. We partake of the blood not the New Testament – Col 1:14, 20, Eph 2:13, Rom 5:9
- g. The cup is the blood = 1 Cor 10:16; the flesh/blood are not literal, but figurative
- h. “til he come” because we are promoted to glory: Phil 1:21, 1Cor 15:51. 2 Cor 4:10

## **Reasons for Covering the Head**

1. The marriage order patterned after Christ/Church and God/Christ - 11:3
2. Honoring the head – 11:4-5
3. To avoid shame – 11:6
4. Glorifying in the right thing – 11:7
5. The order of creation – 11:8
6. The purpose of creation – 11:9
7. Because of the angels – 11:10
8. Submission to God – 11:12
9. Comeliness – 11:13
10. Nature teaches it – 11:14-15
11. Paul and his colleagues have no custom (of uncovering) – 11:16
12. The churches of God have no custom (of uncovering) – 11:16