



PREACHING THE CROSS  
God's Remedy for a Troubled Church

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE ORION**

*Celebrating Oneness in Communion*

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**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

**I. THE DISHONORING OF THE LORD'S TABLE (11:17-22)**

The Corinthians did not fail to gather as a body & to gather for the purpose of commemorating the Lord's Supper. Their problem was their failure to recognize the "oneness" in God's body when they assembled. In the church, there was to be neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, rich nor poor. The gathering at Corinth around the Lord's Supper was marred by the "haves" humiliating the "have nots" in the *Common Meal* that preceded the Lord's Supper.

**A. The Rich Were Shaming the Poor at The Common Meal (Love Feast) that Preceded the Lord's Supper (11:18, 22).**

- 1. The Nature of the Gathering**— A *Common Meal* was associated with the "Coming Together" ( Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7, 11; Jude 1:12).
- 2. The Nature of the Church**— The *Common Meal* was a way to emphasize that believers in the church were to have all things in common ( Acts 2:43-47).
- 3. The Nature of the Time**— Roman Corinth was a class-conscious society.

**B. The Rich Were Not Waiting for the Poor When it Came to the Common Meal (11:33).**

*When was the Common Meal eaten?*

1. Before the Lord's Supper
2. In Conjunction with the Lord's Supper (11:25)

**II. THE DESIGN OF THE LORD'S TABLE (11:23-26)**

The Lord's table is a memorial of the cross work of Jesus Christ which secured our salvation.

**A. The Lord's Supper is a Memorial (11:24-25).**

**B. The Lord's Table is a Symbol (11:24).**

**1. Communion is a Symbol of Christ's Substitutionary Death.**

**2. Communion is a Symbol of Christ's Atoning Death.**

**C. The Lord's Supper is a Prophecy of the Final Gathering of the Saints (11:26).**

**III. THE DISCERNMENT IN THE LORD'S TABLE (11:27-33)**

**A. Discernment in Communion is Essential Because of Liability Involved (11:27, 29-30)**

**B. Discernment in Communion Requires Self-examination (11:28, 31-32)**

**CONCLUSION: *Behold the Lamb***

<p>“Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, Slain for us - and we remember The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King.</p> <p>The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Torn for you - eat and remember The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life Paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King.</p>	<p>The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, Shed for you - drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King.</p> <p>And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond, - and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering We proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King</p>
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