**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE WILL DO ALL WEEK**

**ACTS 2:42; 20:7**; **1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34**

**The Breaking of the Bread Acts 2:42**

**Acts 2:42** they continued steadfastly in…

The apostles’ doctrine

The fellowship

The breaking of the bread

The prayers

Though breaking bread involves fellowship, they are two distinct things

The breaking of the bread in **v.42** is not breaking bread in **v.46**

It is the **highlight** of the week **Acts 20:5-7**

**Acts 20:7**

**Acts 20:1-16** travels of Paul

Paul & his companions sailed to Troy **v.4-5**

Luke and others joined them five days later **v.6**

Paul’s companions are together for **7** days **v.6**

They practiced **Acts 2:46** breaking bread in homes all week

Now, on the **first day of the week**, when the **disciples gathered together** to **break bread**…

**Lord’s Supper 1 Cor. 11:22** when **together**

**Lord’s Day Revelation 1:10**

**The Purpose of the Supper**

1. Jesus said, “In remembrance of Me” **Lk 22:19**

A **weekly reminder** of Jesus’ sacrifice for us

Jews’ weekly reminder of deliverance **Dt 5:15**

Most important event in world history **Jn 12:31**

Your most important thought this week

2. It is communion **1 Cor. 10:15-17**

We are **one** body **v.17**

Christ with us **Matt. 26:26-29, 18:20**

Most important person with us today

3. Edification **1 Cor. 14:26**

We proclaim the Lord’s death **1 Cor. 11:26**

Spiritual weakness if we do not **1 Cor. 11:30**

**1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

**V.17-22** rebuke for eating the wrong supper

**V.23-26** correct **form** for the Lord’s Supper

**V.27-33** correct **attitude** for the Lord’s Supper

**V.33-34** summary of correction

**Rebuke for Eating the Wrong Supper 1 Cor. 11:17-22**

The wrong supper **worsens** the church **v.17**

**Actions reveal** church’s **condition** **v.18-19**

The wrong supper is not the Lord’s Supper **v.20**

The wrong supper shows selfishness **v.21-22**

Each had his **own** supper; some had none

The wrong supper is doing the wrong things

eating the wrong things (his own supper)

in the wrong way (ahead of others)

The wrong supper is thinking the wrong things

Despising (not adequately considering) others (church of God) with effect of shaming others

**The Right Form of the Lord’s Supper 1 Cor. 11:23-26**

How Jesus wanted it done **v.23**

Paul already taught them

Jesus’ example the night He was betrayed

(1) took bread (**unleavened**—**Mt 26:17-30**)

Leaven represents sin (**1 Cor. 5:7**)

(2) gave thanks **v.24**

(3) broke the bread

(4) told disciples to eat in His memory

(5) He did the same with the cup **v.25**

Correct actions preach the truth of the Lord’s death **v.26**

**Bread** a memorial of His **body**

**Fruit of the vine** a memorial of His **blood**

**Day** a memorial of His **resurrection**

We look back: proclaim to each other the death of the Lord

We look forward: until He comes

We look inward: examine yourselves to make sure we are thinking of His sacrifice for us

**The Right Thinking for the Lord’s Supper –1 Cor. 11:27-32**

**Warning v.27** unworthy manner describes the attitude and actions for communion, not the person

Eating the bread and drinking the cup in an unworthy manner -> **guilty** of sin against the Lord’s body and blood

Examine yourself to take correctly **v.28**

Unworthy manner **v.27** =not discerning the Lord’s body **v.29** -> **condemnation**

Not eating correctly -> **weak, sick, dead v.30**

Under the **spiritual** new covenant, what we **think** is as important as what we do

Discern the Lord’s body

Think about His **suffering** in His body

He **bore MY sins** in His body **1 Peter 2:24**

Discern His **spiritual** body the church **Col. 1:18**

Am I angry with a brother who wronged me? Have I sinned against a brother? **Matt. 5:23-25**

Am I selflessly considerate of others?

Three Levels of Judging **v.31-32**

If you judge and correct self, then you do not need Lord’s judging and chastening **v.31**

If we don’t judge or correct self, then Lord will chasten us **v.32**

The Lord chastens us so we will repent and not be judged with the world when it is too late

**Summary** **v.33-34**

Eat **together** **v.33** share blessings, bread, hope

Eat at home **v.34** church not for eating **Rom. 14:17**