

Greater Works Christian Church

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Communion

The Blood and Body of Jesus= **WHOLENESS**

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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;

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."

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."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Question: What does it mean to "judge ourselves"?

Note: This is the passage that most churches use during their communion services. As we have studied before, what we call communion today was actually the Passover Feast.

v. 30) For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

What reason? Why are many, "weak, sick and asleep (premature death)?" Because they eat and drink in an unworthy manner not discerning the Lord's Body. In doing so they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

"Not Discerning the Lord's Body"

This can be two-fold:

1. The actual body of Jesus that was hung on the Cross
2. The body of Christ on the earth- His followers/Christians

Question: What can we do to Discern the Lords Body?

The Actual Body of our Lord:

- His blood was shed so we could be cleansed of all sin
- His body was broken and beat so we could be healed
- Jesus died so we can live
- Jesus was broken so we could be made whole

The Body of Christ- the Church

- We are members of one another
- We are to be united in Spirit and the bond of peace
- We are to meet regularly with those who love God
- We are to use our unique gifts and callings to build one another up

As we focus immediately on the Body of Jesus sacrificed for all of us we will have “communion” with His body and will receive the fullness of His blessing.

Question: Verse 30 tells us many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. What does “sleep” mean in this passage? What causes many to be Weak, Sick or Asleep?

Blessings Received:

- Salvation
- Healing- Spirit, Soul and Body
- New Strength
- New Life
- Wholeness

As we focus on the Body of Christ in the earth (the church), we will have “communion” with fellow believers in Jesus Christ. We will understand our place in the body and the unique function we have been called to.

Such as:

- Our calling and how it fits into the Body of Christ
- Our gifts and how they are to be used to edify others
- How to love one another
- How to be loved by others

Question: Where does Communion come from and why is it so important? What does Communion have to do with the Body of Christ?