







“But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.

**“For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you.** And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.”

1 Corinthians 11:17-19

- They forgot their **unity**!

“When you come together, it is not the Lord’s supper that you eat. **For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.**

“What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.”

1 Corinthians 11:20-22



- They forgot their unity!
- They forgot about **each other**!

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- They forgot about each other!
- They forgot the **reason for the Lord's supper**!

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

“In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-24, 26

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“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

“Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

“That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

1 Corinthians 11:27-32

**“So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another — if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home — so that when you come together it will not be for judgment.** About the other things I will give directions when I come.”

1 Corinthians 11:33-34

- They forgot their unity!
- They forgot about each other!
- They forgot the reason for the Lord's supper!
- They forgot how **serious the Lord's supper is!**

- **Unworthy manner**



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- **Examine himself**

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“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.**”

1 Corinthians 1:10

- Unity forgotten fuels division.
- Unity remembered fuels unity.
- Unity is the goal.
- Unity comes from **eating the same bread.**

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”



**“Because there is one bread we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”**

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

“‘For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’”

John 6:33-35

“This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

John 6:50-51

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- Unity remembered fuels unity.
- Unity is the goal.
- Unity comes from eating the same bread.
- Unity comes from **drinking the same Spirit**.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

“For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit,

“to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.



“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”**

1 Corinthians 12:4-27

- United in **gifts**

- United in gifts  
One spirit ... variety of gifts

- United in gifts

One spirit ... variety of gifts

One spirit ... variety of people

- United in gifts  
One spirit ... variety of gifts  
One spirit ... variety of people  
Variety of people ... one body

“For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.

“And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.



“If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?”

“But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?”

**“As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.**

“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require.

**“But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.**

“Now you are the body of Christ and  
individually members of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

**“Now [we] are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”**

1 Corinthians 12:14-27



- United in gifts
- United in **body**

- United in gifts
- United in body  
Many parts ... one body

- United in gifts
- United in body

Many parts ... one body

One body ... individually part

Two facts about unity

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- Can't disregard **yourself**

## Two facts about unity

- Can't disregard yourself
- Can't disregard **others**

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“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when  
brothers dwell in unity!”

Psalm 133:1

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

“There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:1-7