

## Thanksgiving Dinner at God's House

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• Communion is the Thanksgiving Dinner for Christians.

1 Corinthians 11:20-25 (NLT) When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord's Supper. 21 For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. 22 What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this! 23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread 24 and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it."

• When we take communion, we remember the reality of what Jesus did for us on the cross and why.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NLT) For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

• Communion is our testimony that our hope is in Christ and Christ alone.

1 Corinthians 11:27 (NLT) So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

• Communion was meant for sinners to draw close to Jesus, not keep them away.

1 Corinthians 11:28-30 (NLT) That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. **29** For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. **30** That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

• God is Holy, and we must regard Him as Holy when we take communion.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32 (NLT) But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. **32** Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

- God judges us for correction now, so He never has have to judge us for condemnation.
- Call or text **YES** to 321.574.6970 if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and

Savior.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.