

## Paul Directs Solutions to the Three Problems (27-34)

### 1. Actions that \_\_\_\_\_ the Point of Communion

<sup>27</sup> 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.

- The Context: "Therefore"
- The Action: "Whoever eats/drinks ... in an unworthy manner"
- The Result: "Will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord"

### 2. Command #1: Solution for Separations – \_\_\_\_\_ Yourself

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

- Who?: "A man (person) ... himself" (individual responsibility)
- What?: Be examining (~!) – what must one examine?
  - Regarding confession of sin? NO! (1 John 1:9)
  - Context matters! Regarding one's actions towards the assembly, the body, as displayed in my eating and drinking
- Then?: Do what Jesus commanded!
  - Out of the bread be eating (~!)
  - Out of the cup be drinking (~!)
  - NOTE: There's no option of non-participation.

### 3. Paul Explains the Solution (29)

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

᾽ γὰρ ἐσθίων καὶ πίνων κρίμα ἑαυτῷ ἐσθίει καὶ πίνει μὴ διακρίνων τὸ σῶμα.

- The Context: "For" – Still discussing the same issues
- The Result: "The one eating and drinking judgment to himself"
- The Cause: "Also eats and drinks not discerning the body [of the Lord]"

### 4. What Is the "Body" that Paul Speaks Of?

- Jesus' Sacrificial Payment: His "for you" body! (24)
- The Spiritual Body of Christ, the Assembly (Church):  
10:17 For we, [though] many, are one bread [and] one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

12:12-14 For as **the body is one** and has many members, but all the members of that **one body**, being many, are **one body**, so also [is] Christ.  
<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into **one body** – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free -- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For in fact the body is not one member but many. (12:12-27 – "body" 18x)

### 5. Paul Explains Judgment (30-32)

<sup>30</sup> For this reason many [are] weak and sick among you, and many sleep. <sup>31</sup> For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

- Jesus takes division in His body **seriously**.
- Jesus takes the treatment of His body **personally**.  
"Saul, Saul. Why are you persecuting Me?" 1 Cor 3:16-17; 8:12
- Jesus actively **cares** for His body.  
Not condemned with the world: Family judgment vs external judgment. Not eternal salvation but temporal judgment of God. Remedial versus punitive.

### 6. Command #2: Solution for Slighting the Assembly (33) – \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

<sup>22b</sup> Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing?

- The Context: "Therefore" – Still the same topic (since v.17)
- The Solution: "Be waiting (~!) for one another"

### 7. Command #3: Solution for Selfishness (34) – \_\_\_\_\_ at Home

<sup>34</sup> But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

<sup>21</sup> For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of [others]; and one is hungry and another is drunk. <sup>22a</sup> What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?

- Prescription: Be eating (~!) at home
- Preparation: Take steps to be able to focus on others
- Purpose: Function as the body; assemble to serve one another (John 13:35; 1 John 3:16)

**By embracing these principles, we fulfill the purpose of Jesus' communion reminders, and we avoid judgment that comes when these principles are ignored.**