

1 Corinthians – “Unity in Christ”

Lesson #12



- I. **Good job! But...**
 - a. Read 1 Corinthians 11:2-6
 - b. Where else does Paul talk about men and women?
 - i. See Ephesians 5:22-33
 - c. What seems to be the trouble being addressed?

- II. **A universal principle**
 - a. Read 1 Corinthians 11:7-16
 - b. Are women inferior to men? (see vss.11-12; Genesis 1:27)
 - c. Are hair and head coverings important for us today?
 - d. Why is God's created order an important thing?
 - e. What is the difference between dependence and interdependence?
 - f. What is the universal principle(s) intended for Christians to follow?

- III. **Divisions and selfishness**
 - a. Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
 - b. We have new problems to address, what is wrong now? (vss 18; 20-21)
 - c. Is there a place for division under certain circumstances? (vs 19)
 - d. Is there a difference between the meal that some eat before others or get drunk and meal of the Lord's Supper?

- IV. **The Lord's Supper**
 - a. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - b. Who gave Paul the words he recites in verses 24-25?
 - i. See Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20
 - c. In any of these direct quotes from Jesus, does He say, "This is like My body," or, "This is a symbol of My body," or, "This represents My body"?
 - i. What are consubstantiation and transubstantiation?

- V. **Receiving the Lord's Supper**
 - a. Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
 - b. What is an "unworthy manner"? (vs 27)
 - c. If we partake in the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, what do we sin against? (vs 27, also see 1 Cor 10:16)
 - d. What does it mean to "examine" oneself before partaking in the Lord's Supper? (vs 28)
 - e. What does the word "discern" mean? (vs 29)
 - f. What is the "body" referred to in verse 29?

- g. Are there consequences for participating in the Lord's Supper under certain circumstances?
 - i. Does communing unworthily lead to damnation? (vs 32)
- h. Should pastors be concerned about who participates in the Lord's Supper? Why?
- i. Should children partake in the Lord's Supper? The comatose, or those suffering from severe dementia?
- j. Is there more meaning to the Lord's Supper than an individual Christian and their relationship with God? How do others factor in?
- k. What are the benefits of the Lord's Supper?
 - i. See Martin Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation: The Benefits of the Sacrament of the Altar

VI. **Next time...**

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-31