



How to Come Together Time – Pt 1

1 Corinthians 11:17-22 | Pastor Jeff Moorehead | October 24, 2021

- God has given His church two ordinances by which His salvation through Christ is reflected upon and remembered. Both are external symbols of inward realities that are far greater than the ordinance itself.
 - Baptism is a one-time act of identification with Christ as Savior and obedience to Him at the beginning of our new life in Christ.
 - The Lord's Supper is a regular commemoration of our salvation and oneness in Christ as a community of believers. It is also called "the breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7, 11) or "sharing" (1 Cor. 10:16) or "thanksgiving" (Mark 14:23 – gr: eucharist).

- Paul wants to clean up the disgraceful practice of the Lord's Supper participated in at the end of what is known as the "love feast" (Jude 12)

- Paul shares **four corrective looks** and **ways** to restore the significance of this special memorial.

- 1. Look around and rejoice in your oneness together in Christ (11:17-22, 33-34; 10:16-17)**
 - One of the important aspects of the Lord's Supper is the communal nature of its practice. Every biblical metaphor for the church expresses its oneness (bride, flock, kingdom, family, holy temple, branch, royal priesthood, body)

 - Paul notes three things that was killing their oneness.
 1. Selfishness produces "divisions" and "factions" in the church family (v. 18-19) as rivalries were taking place among leaders (1 Cor. 1:12)
 2. Selfishness produces deviations from the focus of the Lord's Supper while personal eating was prioritized, neglect of the needy was practiced, and drinking until becoming "drunk", was front and center (1 Cor. 1:20-21)
 3. Selfishness produces dishonor toward those in need and withholds any commendable word of praise (1 Cor. 11:22, 33-34)