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1st Corinthians 11:28

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Communion— Greek (Koinonia) Partnership, fellowship, sharer, associate, companion, partaker.

The Lord's Supper is a symbol of Christian worship instituted by the Lord on the eve of His death. It's a memorial conducted to keep in remembrance of the Lord's death, and resurrection and our anticipation of His return.

The bread represents His broken body, and the wine or grape juice represents His shedded blood for our sins. Many times Christians as well as unbelievers have been partakers of Communion without taking in consideration what they are actually doing. Some have been partakers because it's the Christian thing to do, others take it because they think if they don't, others will think they're sinners.

Communion shouldn't be taken lightly. As we partake of Communion, the Bible instructs us to examine ourselves. This indicates that it's more to this scripture other than people eating it as a normal meal. Can we honestly say when we take Communion God is pleased with our life style? We all have sinned and came short of the glory of God, there is none that don't sin according to the word of God. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, be truthful to yourself and receive help!

There is a difference between committing sin and practicing sin. Practicing sin is when you know the truth, have heard the truth, understand the truth, but will continue to go against what God has instructed us in what to do and what not to do.

Hebrews 10:26

For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

Communion is partnership. Partnership is one associated with another in an activity or a sphere of common interest.

Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

If we're partners with God and His Son, we're determine to make our life style line up with the word of God. Sin is not so easily forsaken as some might want to make others believe. It's the love and power of God working in us that will assist one in forsaking things, places and people. God has instructed us not to associate ourselves with.

If you're having trouble with fornication, you don't need to be hanging out with people that you know are known for committing fornication or adultery. Or maybe you have a habit of drinking and you're praying and asking God to deliver you, then you don't need to be associating with those you know drinks. In order for us to receive from the Lord, we must first be honest with ourselves. Whatever is in our life that is not lining up with the word of God, we need to be

striving to get it out of our life. Communion indicates companionship. A companion is a person that lives or travels with another. Companionship is like a marriage when you marry there is no longer two, but one. It's the same with being a companion with Jesus. In a marriage we don't want our spouse having a relationship with someone else, so why do we think that Jesus doesn't mind when we yield our will to something or someone other than Him?

Romans 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Many times we're yielding our eyes, and ears to things that if Jesus was sitting in front of us, no way would we be listening or looking at them. If you're looking, listening, going places, committing acts you would be ashamed of in the presence of Jesus, this is an indication what you're doing is ungodly in the sight of God.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Anytime we're doing something that brings about guilt and shame we need to flee from it, quick and in a hurry! Jesus died not only to reconcile us to the Father, but to empower us that sin no longer have dominion over us.

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Take for instance, most parents sacrifice for their children to make sure they have a good education. Time, energy, and money is placed on the child to make sure they succeed in life. Then to have the child not use the education and the teaching you have poured into them, will make you think what you did was in vain, you will be broken hearted and upset with your child because you're expecting them to accomplish set goals because you have provided the way.

Jesus was our way back to God. He provided His body and blood in order for us to be in the family of God. Communion should be taken with thanksgiving, we show our appreciation by living according to the word of God. If we fall, we get up and start over again; we don't wallow in it.

In order for us to be reconciled to the Father, Jesus was whipped until His flesh was torn, they placed a crown of thorns upon His head, they spit on Him, some slapped Him, they placed Him on the cross, nailed His hands and feet. After doing all of this, after His death, a soldier used a spear to pierce His side. Jesus did all this for us to live a life that will please the Father.

When taking Communion the Apostle Paul said to examine ourselves. Are we still living partially in the world? Do we have envy and jealousy in our hearts? Do we still have unforgiveness towards someone? Are we disrespecting our spouse and those that have rule over us? Are we trying to live a life that will be pleasing in God's sight? Are we murmuring and complaining, are we talebearers? Are we deceitful and controlling? When taking Communion, we should do a spiritual check-up. After we do a spiritual check-up, repent and don't continue in whatever we have repented of.

1st Corinthians 11:29-30

For he that eateth, and drinketh unworthily, (disrespect), eateth and drinketh damnation (judgment) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (dead).

We have been instructed by the Word of God how we should present ourselves when we take Communion. When we take Communion knowing within ourselves we have not submitted ourselves to the Word of God as instructed, we will bring ourselves into the judgment of God. We have been instructed of three things that will happen when we disrespect the Lord's body by taking Communion unworthily.

Weak—(Greek) Astheneo- To be feeble (in any sense) diseased, impotent.

Many Christians are lacking strength of character or will. They desire to live for the Lord, but they also desire to live according to the world's standards. I can't feed my spirit with the things of the world and expect to have spiritual growth, or I should say, the individual will receive spiritual growth, but it will not be a godly spiritual growth. Whatever we feed ourselves that is what we will produce. We can spend hours watching television or talking on the phone, but we can't take the time to give God thirty minutes in prayer or reading His Word indicates there's a weakness in our character. Prayers are being made, but not answered. It's not because God doesn't answer prayer, it's on our behalf, because our life and our prayers aren't lining up with the Word of God causing our prayers to be non-effective.

Satan is ruling in many homes, and the ones that's professing to be Christian can't bind the spirits that are causing havoc in their home because there is no spiritual authority in them.

Sickly—Indicating we aren't healthy. Diseases have taken an effect on the body. Some are suffering in their body and the doctors can't find anything indicating sickness or disease. Many are suffering mentally and emotionally. We pay tithes and give offering, but we don't see the results of our giving. We work but it seems as though our money is never enough to accomplish the task we have. Marriages are diseased, and suffering.

And many sleep—Indicating death physically and spiritually.

Christians are dying and some have died because of not discerning the Lord's body. If the Bible says some are asleep, then some have died, indicating a premature death.

We should take the Lord's Supper thoughtfully because we're proclaiming that Christ died for our sins. We should take it with reverence and respect keeping in mind, Jesus died to bring us into the family of God. There was no other way we could be reconcile to God, but by the death of Jesus.

When we take Communion, we should always take a self-examination of ourselves. It's not about what someone has done, but what have we done that was against the word of God. Are we holding resentment towards someone? Are we walking and talking doubt and unbelief. Anything other than faith is sin.

Romans 14:23

And he that doubteth is damned (condemned) if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

This is not just speaking about eating food that would offend another Christian, but faith!

Are we really trying to follow peace with the believer as well as the unbeliever? If not, we're not

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following the instruction that has been given us.

James 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

All of us have sinned and no one can say they don't have any sin, as Christians we don't suppose to practice sin. When we sin we suppose to confess our sin.

1st John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When we're in the process of taking Communion, we need to examine ourselves to see what areas we may have sinned against God. Are we confessing and continually repenting for the same sin?

Are we taking Communion and angry with our spouse, neighbor, or one of our Christian brothers or sisters? Have we talked harshly to someone. Are we sleeping with someone other than our spouse? Even with marriage are we conducting acts that would be consider unclean as well as ungodly in God's eyesight?

Are we walking in disobedience to the instructions of our spiritual leaders, are we respecting our spiritual leaders? Are we murmuring and complaining?

Brothers and Sisters we should do a self examination daily to see have we came short in an area, have we disobeyed in an area and if so, we need to ask God to forgive us, and try not to find ourselves in that area again, if so, pray, repent, and be determined you will not be found again in the same area. Communion is not just of the taking of the

Lord's Supper, but it's being in companionship, fellowship, discipleship, friendship and unity with the Spirit of God because as Christians we suppose to be one with Him.

John 17:21

That they all may be one ; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

We all have sinned and came short of the Glory of God, but naming ourselves to be Christians, let us exemplify what we say we are. When we take Communion let us appreciate and reverence the Lord's Supper. Let us make an effort to make sure our lives are lining up with His word. Let us have a heart of thanksgiving, a spirit of willingness to follow God's instructions.

If we're living partially in the world and partially with the Lord, it is time to chose who you will serve. You cannot serve them both.

1st John 2:15

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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