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Devoted to the Breaking of Bread

Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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Acts 2:42 (ESV)

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

17In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

18In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

19No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

20 So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat,

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

21for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

22 Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

23For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:
The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

³⁰That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

31 But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

³²Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

33 So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV)

³⁴Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.

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The Importance and Purpose of the Breaking of Bread in the life of the church

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**1: It is a Symbol of
the Unity of the Church (vss. 17-22)**

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1 Corinthians 11:18 (NIV)

18In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

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1 Corinthians 11:20 (NIV)

20 So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat,

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1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

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1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NIV)

17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

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**2: It is a Time to Remember
the Sacrifice of Jesus (vs. 23-26)**

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1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (NIV)

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Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

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3: It is a Time to Remember Jesus is Returning (vs. 26)

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1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)

²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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Matthew 26:29 (NIV)

29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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4: It Provides an Opportunity for Regular Spiritual and Moral Examination (vss. 27-34)

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1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (NIV)

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

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1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (NIV)

28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

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Matthew 5:21-24 (NIV)

21“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

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Matthew 5:21-24 (NIV)

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

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Matthew 5:21-24 (NIV)

23“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

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Matthew 5:21-24 (NIV)

²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

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Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)

**23 Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

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Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

**24 See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

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