

Intro:

Vss. 17-22: correcting abuse of Lord's Supper. Why matters: vss. 27, 29-30

Main Point of Text: Paul is concerned that our bad Table manners at the Lord's Supper will cause us to be cursed; so that we instead receive Christ's intended blessing with proper behavior, Paul commands our holy preparation.

READ WLC Q&A 171 Other motivation: vs. 31 (vs. 28, prove/approve).

Sermon Point: *Prove to Yourself that You Should and Would Partake.*

Move 1: *Prove to yourself that you are in Christ and love His Heavenly Father.*

LC: Examine "of their being in Christ": 2 Cor. 13:5: *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you ...*

LC: Examine "of their desires after Christ" **John 7:37:** *... If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.* (John 7:37) Test your thirst: Ps. 42:1-2. LC: Examine "love to God": Mt. 22:36-37 of Deut. 6:5. John 14:15. Seen in 1 John 4:20-21.

Move 2: *Prove to yourself that you love your brethren.*

LC: "love to ... the brethren, charity to all men". Mt. 22:39 of Lev. 19:18:

- 1 Cor. 10:16, 17: *For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*
- Acts 2:46-47: *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

LC: Examine of "forgiving those that have done them wrong"; Mt. 5:23-24. Jn. 3:16. Lord's Prayer.

Move 3: *Prove to yourself that you hate your sins and want more holiness.*

LC: Examine "of their sins and wants": *Purge out therefore the old leaven ... For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; ...* (1 Cor. 5:7-8 of Ex. 12).

LC: Examine "of their desires after ... their new obedience.

LC: Examine "of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance": Look for fruit, taste ripeness.

LC: "by renewing the exercise of these graces": **2 Tim. 1:6:** *... stir up [kindle into a flame] the gift of God, which is in thee ...* Beg a blessing of the Lord's Supper. Make the most of mercy: Heb. 10:21-25. Ps. 26:6.

Move 4: *Prove all these things to yourself by examining yourself.*

LC: “by serious meditation, and fervent prayer”:

- 2 Cor. 13:5: Examine [Greek, Test, make a trial of] *yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you ...* Self examination
- 2 Pet. 1:10: *Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*
- 1 Cor. 11:28:
 - “himself”: retire from busyness/chaos of world. Get alone/get quiet w/ self. Turn off to tune in.
 - Examine: Greek, “Prove” (same as ‘prove your own selves’ above). Test reality, and improve.
 - Examine/Eat/Drink all imperatives.
 - “Examine” literally, “prove”; but also “approve” ... “that he *may*”.

Conclusion:

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