**The “Lord's Supper” – “Communion”**
**I Corinthians 11:23-34**

I am sure you are familiar with the picture… The religious folks think they see the Lord Himself serving the disciples at the ‘last supper’ before he is taken away to be crucified, etc. The people then turn to the gospels to learn what it is that Jesus was telling his disciples to go out and do – and so, the natural response to readers of the gospels today is to 1) obey their pastor because only he knows what to do today; 2) learn from the gospels how to ‘pretend’ to live that so-called Christian life today.

Honestly, I just see the antichrist and his cronies having dinner before they all actually get rolling into the Tribulation, etc.

The essence of rightly dividing the word of truth is being aware and have a complete understanding about the ‘wrongness’ of 1) water baptism and 2) ‘communion / Lord’s Supper. For this study, we will take on the “Lord’s Supper” also known in the common protestant world as ‘communion.’

Simply put and as obvious as it is, those words that folks use for ‘communion’ were what Jesus had done with the DISICPLES. Paul was telling the Gentiles ‘then’ about how to commune with God; but that is not to us today!

Yes, I know – Paul talks about the “Lord’s Supper” in Corinthians. Duh! However, Paul also talks about speaking in tongues / and being ‘charismatic’ per today’s Pentecostal teachings, among other things ‘of interest’. Do we do those things, too?

So you may ask why or how can I ‘pick and choose’ in the books of Corinthians?

I will respond to that question in a moment… for now…let’s move on down and look at an updated ‘view’ of what I should say to folks who still wonder why / if they should ‘celebrate’ the Lord’s Supper – and if not, why not.

**Opening Comment:**

First let me say, “*Do I care if folks participate in the Lord’s Supper at their church? Do I care if they teach what they teach about ‘communion’*? No – not really. Don’t get sore at me for saying this, but if we simply read the KJB and understand rightly dividing, we will see exactly what I am saying. It is obvious to me, anyway… and I certainly am no scholar.

We also seem to have a hard time unlearning what we have been taught in our religious instruction over the years – especially us Baptists – and especially especially those ‘bible believers… and it seems to be downright impossible for those ruckmanites to ‘change’ any of their beliefs from simply reading the KJB! (I can say that because I was one of them at one time…)

And finally, I do ‘somewhat’ care about this subject because I do get irritated at those pastors who ‘should know better’ when they teach bogus gospel teachings to people today. I have come to understand more than I ever thought I could the deeper truth to the following verse: “***But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived!***” **II Timothy 3:14**

**The Study:**

The following material is taken from my page on the Lord’s Supper from the contrast chart located on the old website. This link will take you to the ‘factually’ stated comparison study page… <http://www.scatteredchristians.org/2012/ContrastChart37.html>

If you don’t mind my additional and updated and ‘re-studied’ comments I added today, December 17, 2006, then go ahead and continue to read on. It is the same as the contrast page only with a few added comments and ‘corrections’ to help folks see the simplicity of the points I am making.

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It is as it reads in **Corinthians** but simply remember, it was taught as history of the Disciples in **John 16,** just before he went out to pray in the garden, **chapter 17**!

* Note: They had to be worthy!
	+ If not, they would get sick and some would die!
* Note: They had to judge themselves, etc. or else God would.
	+ God would chasten!
* Note: The purpose was to remember his death.

But just like He also stated in **John 6**, it was not really his body and his blood.

* For one thing: He hadn't even died yet!.
* The second thing:   ***It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profitedh nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*John 6:63**

They had no bible to remember his death, so it made sense to have that ‘activity’ that we come to call the Lord’s Supper / Communion, etc.

So, if one was to be doing the Lord’s Supper / Communion today, they would have to accept the above ‘facts’ as part of it all

Hmmm… If I remember correctly, there are a lot ‘great commission’ pastors who tend to lean towards those ‘guilt trips’ or threats of God’s actions if their congregation doesn’t ‘behave’ or is disobedient towards their local church Communion Sunday, etc.

In other words, if you are going to ‘follow’ the so-called ‘ordinance’ / or want to still participate in a local church ‘communion’ service, make sure you are cleaned / forgiven / obedient / loved your pastor, etc.

However, if you want the truth about the Lord’s Supper / Communion today – during the dispensation of the grace of God through Paul’s teachings ONLY, then here ya go:

**The Lord's Supper - Communion Today**
**I Corinthians 11:23-34**

**I.**

What you read in **I Corinthians** is just Paul describing what happened at the 'Last Supper' before the Lord was going to be betrayed and crucified.  **John 13:2** - "***And supper being ended..."*** This is what took place at the beginning of the supper.  He is not telling us as Gentiles today to do the same.

It was to be carried out as ‘in part’ through those biblical days up to 1611 when the KJB was 'completed!'.  As described above, those things did take place at the time and during the times up to that which is perfect was to come!

Paul was telling the people during his day that **I Corinthians 13:8-10** shows the importance of 'communion' with the Lord **'before'** the KJB and now today, after that which is perfect came, **'with'** the KJB.

We don’t need any ‘somber ceremony’ or ‘special church Sunday activity’ to commune with the Lord today. We have the KJB to commune with God! You talk to God ‘without ceasing’ and God talks to you as you read! God won’t have it any other way!

**II.**

I am sure you have heard that ‘Communion’ is also one of the 'two' ordinances.

* The Bible never says **'two**' anywhere!
* It was never given as an ordinance to do! There has never been a pastor / person, etc. who has been able to show me where it says ‘two’ and that it is an ‘ordinance’! Come on people, check the Scriptures before some pastor tells you what you HAVE TO DO!

**III.**

**Do we need to do the Lord's Supper to remember his death?**

* **Ritual**? I thought we gave up on that ceremonial somber ritualistic stuff?
* **Tradition**? Well, you do know what God thinks of tradition, right?
* **Ordinance**? Like I said, where do the Scriptures call it an ordinance? And two?
* **Requirement**?
	+ for salvation?
	+ for a way to confess your sins ‘before you partake’ of the body and blood, etc.?
	+ for receiving Holy Spirit? (Lutherans teach that one! Again, the Scriptures say that where?)
	+ for church membership? (Well, you can have any ‘criteria’ for membership for any social club, etc.)
	+ for body of Christ membership? (really? And where in the Scriptures?)
	+ at what age?
	+ Knowledge of what would be necessary? How much knowledge? Maturity?
* **Closed** - **open**? Come on, which one is ‘correct’? Different churches with different rules? How can that be?
* **More Requirements**?
	+ wine or grape juice?
	+ unleavened bread? – or just crackers? - How about those manufactured wafers?
	+ single loaf of bread – or are pieces of bread the ‘right way’?
	+ ‘shot’ glasses - cups – or glasses – paper cups? Glass cups? A right way?
* What about all the **denominational differences** in design?
* how **oft** is ‘**oft’**?  weekly, monthly, yearly, every dinner?  supper?
* What if you then you **miss** **it**?

What a mess, eh!

personal comment*:  ya know, sometimes I think we are so biblically ignorant and truth-lazy and selfish, we NEED religion and all the threats and guilt that comes with it to get us to do the right thing - if even just occasionally - and even knowing it will all burn in the end... people just seem to have to be involved in the local church – even if it is putting forth a false gospel and the Scriptures tell you avoid the place, etc.*

* **Till he comes!**
	+ Has he not already come spiritually - are we not in a spiritual kingdom today?
	+ Yes!
		- **Romans 14:17**
	+ He HAS come spiritually in that KJB - **I Corinthians 13:10.**

**We do NOT have to partake of the 'supper' today!**

It would just be a waste of time, materials, etc. and doesn’t ‘please God.’ But even more importantly, your partaking would be a bad testimony to those who know you well enough to know you are not the great Christian your pastors says you should be – and yet they would NOT see God do to you what those verses promise to them that partake unworthily!

**The supper to be concerned about is the next supper, not the past supper:**

***And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.* Revelation 19:17.**