

12a – 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 – the Supper of the Lord**Lots of speculation****No praise**

... v 17

... their meeting together does more harm than good.

Praise ... 1 Cor 11:2

Divisions

v 18 ... divisions among them.

See 1 Cor 1:10

v 19 ... one group of them has God's approval more than the other

The celebration of the Lord's supper that excluded some of their fellow believers is a denial of the salvation unity the gospel brings.

... VERY differently to the way we celebrate it today.

... it did not express their unity but their disunity

What have they been doing? v 21-22

- v 21 ... own private dinners.
- Some are included ... whilst others are left with nothing and humiliated.
- What they are doing reflects a complete lack of love to their church family.

What should have they been doing? (v23-26)

- v 23 ... they are celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus

Unleavened bread ... now represents Jesus body that was about to be offered up

... the saving work of Jesus from sin

... cup now points to the shedding of his blood.

... the new covenant is begun

... fulfil the sacrificial system

... cup of God's wrath (Jeremiah 25)

= celebrate redemption that is now won by Jesus through the shedding of his blood on our behalf.

v 26 ... celebrate the Lord's supper in the right way.

Celebrating Lord's supper properly**V27 ... what really matters.****“Do not celebrate it in an unworthy manner”****v 29 ... like you have rejected the work of Jesus on the cross.****v 29, ... brought God's judgement upon them.**

Heb 12:5b-6, 'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.

v 32 ... not 'condemning them to hell'**... need to keep celebrating the Lord's supper together in the right way.****For us today****We have no expectation of a meal BUT our heart still matters****... struggling with sin is not a reason not to take part in the Lord's supper.****... removing the work of Jesus who paid for the debt of our sin from the Lord's supper is a problem.****It never tells us****... the right age of participation****... who is to lead the Lord's supper****... never says we must use a set liturgy****... does not require a full meal****...not really all that clear about the frequency****My one thing**