Outline

²⁰ So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for 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. 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!

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In 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." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. ³² Nevertheless, 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.

³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. ³⁴ Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

I. The Present to the Past.

"...on the night he was betrayed," (vs. 23)

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." John 1:29

"do this in remembrance of me." (vs. 26)

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and [I] held him in low esteem. (Not "we" held him in low esteem) ⁴ Surely he took up [my] pain and bore [my] suffering, yet [I] considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for [my] transgressions, he was crushed for [my] iniquities; the punishment that brought [me] peace was on him, and by his wounds [I] am healed. ⁶ [I was], like a sheep, having gone astray, [I] turned to [my] own way; and the LORD has laid on him the [my] iniquity]. Isaiah 53:3-6

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II. Our Hearts to God.

III. The Individual to the Community.

"So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat..." (vs. 20)

IV. Your Story to the Future.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."

⁹ Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

"For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Luke 22:16