



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

UNWORTHY ISN'T UNWORTHILY

If the body doesn't get sufficient vitamin C, it will get scurvy, a deficiency disease, and possibly die. The Lord warned of a similar *spiritual* condition: “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.” (1 Corinthians 11:30)

Just as God has provided things to maintain our physical bodies, He has provided things we **must** take and do on a regular basis, in the proper manner, to maintain and grow our **spiritual** bodies. The Lord's Supper is one of these things. It was given to make us stronger, not to hurt or trap us. But some mistakenly **don't partake** of the Lord's Supper when they should and as a result they are weak and sickly and can even die **spiritually** as a result.

The Lord warned that “whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 11:27) We should heed this warning. But many wrongly understand *unworthily* as *unworthy*. They think it refers to their **personal fitness** rather than to the *manner* in which it is done. This misunderstanding is the work of **Satan**, the Father of lies. *Unworthily* is an *adverb*, it must modify or refer to a **verb** – an action. *Unworthy* is an *adjective*, it can only modify a **noun** – a person, place or thing. *Unworthily* must then refer to the **manner**, the action, of our observing the Lord's Supper, and not to **us**, or our personal fitness to partake of it.

None of us are **worthy** to approach the Lord's Table. John the Baptist said of his relation to Christ: “the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.” – Mark 1:7. Yes, we were sinners but remember what God did for us in that estate: “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8. Do you want to wrongly **reject** His love? Satan wants us to - by *misunderstanding* this passage!

The Lord **does** tell us *how* we should take it: “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.” (1 Corinthians 11:28) We need to **show** the Lord's death. How so? By *our* death to sin: “How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (Romans 6:3) The Lord has called us to be holy, separate from the world, yet we are in the world every day. It's tough to do. The Lord knows that, so that's why he wants us **reminded** every week of Jesus' death for us. Without that reminder, we will grow weak and sickly and die. We need to see the Lord's body on that cross, and the blood he shed for our sins. We must see that he has called us out of the world to follow him. That is the **examination** we make of ourselves: Do we see Him on that Cross? Do we know that He died for our sins? Do we want to live for Him and not ourselves? If so, and we want to show His death by **our** death to the things of this world, **then we rightly can, and must, partake**, remembering as we do: “that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” - 2 Cor 5:15

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: TJ BOLEN—The Eternal Plan

PM: TJ BOLEN—Mercy

WHO LIKES A LONG FACE?

“But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face:

That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” - Matthew 6:17,18

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.

- Sister **Michelle Bolen** requests the prayers of the church, as does sister **Dorothy Gray**.
- Sister **Lisa Jenkins** is home from the VA hospital, recovering but not yet able to resume work. Keep her, and Josiah who is missing Bible studies, in your prayers.
- Remember also, **Anna Porter** with a serious foot wound, and **Margaret Gamble**, Jones' sister
- **Margaret Herring** also battling severe foot problems and is in much pain.
- Remember also: **Hannibal Davis** in Marine Corps recruit training at Parris Island; **Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney, Floyd Richbourg** and **Carolyn Stidham**.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge**.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" - Titus 2:13

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday, all** are invited to share a meal after the morning assembly. Men's business meeting after that.
- **South Eastern Children's Home** Change Cans, 7/13—9/21, pick one up.
- **Bible study, Saturdays, 3pm, informal, bring friends and your Bible questions.**
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

“... that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:14

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It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15

The example we set others, in everything we **do**, or **don't do**, is important. The Lord was able to use Paul to encourage other brethren, even when he was in prison:

"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." - Philippians 1:14

Be an example! There's no easier teaching you can do than this, and there's no greater harm you can do if you don't.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH?

1. To Christ it was worth His **blood**: Acts 20:28
2. To God it was worth His **Son**: John 3:16
3. To Stephen it was worth his **life**: Acts 6-7
4. To Paul it was worth his **heritage**: Philippians 3:8; 2 Corinthians 11:28
5. To Matthew it was worth his **job**: Luke 5:27
6. To Philip it was worth his **time**: Acts 8:26-40
7. To James it was worth his **prestige**: James 1:1
8. To Peter it was worth his **attitudes**: 2 Peter 1:10,11
9. To John it was worth his **concern**: 3 John 4
- 10 To Jude it was worth his **freedom**: Jude 1

NOW: ... WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH TO **YOU**?

- **Richard Ramkinson**, Minister, Windsor Lake church of Christ, South Carolina

THE CORINTHIANS TOOK LORD'S SUPPER UNWORTHILY

The Corinthians made no distinction between the Lord's Supper and a common meal. They **ate** it as a common meal. They'd taken a holy thing and **made** it common. They were **doing** so improperly. There were also **divisions** among them. Some were eating before others – some were filled, some were not. They were **divided** in their taking of the Lord's Supper. BUT! Christ died for our UNITY! The Corinthians were taking the Lord's supper in a manner **unworthy** of Jesus. We can not have this mind of division and take of the Lord's Supper in a **worthy manner**. “For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.” 1 Corinthians 11:28

Books of the Old Testament—Good to memorize them!

Genesis	1 Kings	Ecclesiastes	Obadiah
Exodus	2 Kings	Song of Solomon	Jonah
Leviticus	1 Chronicles	Isaiah	Micah
Numbers	2 Chronicles	Jeremiah	Nahum
Deuteronomy	Ezra	Lamentations	Habakkuk
Joshua	Nehemiah	Ezekiel	Zephaniah
Judges	Esther	Daniel	Haggai
Ruth	Job	Hosea	Zechariah
1 Samuel	Psalms	Joel	Malachi
2 Samuel	Proverbs	Amos	