

Unworthy
1 Corinthians 11:27-34

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I. Unworthy manner. 1 Corinthians 11:27

Notice, there is a distinction here; Paul did not say we had to be worthy to _____ of communion, he said not to partake of the Lord's Supper in an **unworthy manner**.

- The words, "**In an unworthy manner**" have made some Christians believe they have to "make _____ worthy" in order to receive communion.

"We can never really make ourselves "worthy" of what Jesus did for us on the cross. He did it because of His great love, not because some of us were so _____." (David Guzik)

II. Self examination. 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

"While certainly it is a good idea for Christians to identify sin in their lives and repent of it, the Bible does not make this a _____ for participation in communion." (Anderson)

- If you are not trusting in what Jesus accomplished on the cross, in order to forgive your sins and give you eternal life; then you will be _____ the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner.

Paul was saying some of the Corinthians were not being mindful of the other members of the church while being selfish; so some were sick and dying under God's _____.

III. The potential results of correction. 1 Corinthians 11:30-32

"This chastening is not a judge condemning a criminal; it is a father correcting _____ children." (Guzik)

- The Corinthian Christians, who were under God's correction, were being corrected, so that they would not be _____ with the world, at the judgment.

IV. Others centered. 1 Corinthians 11:33-34

Some of the wealthier people were not considering those who were in need when they _____ took too much food.

- Paul puts selfishness in perspective to remind these Christians; the Lord isn't pleased with that _____.

V. Practical Application.

The word **worthy** in Greek means, " _____ " or "matching up".

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 11:27**. Discuss the difference between the statements, of being "unworthy" and in an "unworthy manner".
John 1:12, Ephesians 1:5, 1 Corinthians 6:17, 1 Corinthians 12:27, 2 Corinthians 5:17
2. Read **1 Corinthians 11:28-29**. Discuss the necessity of self examination.
2 Corinthians 13:5, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Jeremiah 17:9, Psalm 139:24, Job 13:23, Psalm 26:2, Galatians 6:4
3. Read **1 Corinthians 11:30-32** and discuss how the Lord corrects His children.
Hebrews 12:3-11, Proverbs 12:1, Proverbs 8:33, James 5:19-20
4. Read **1 John 5:16-17** and discuss the sin unto death.
1 Corinthians 11:30, Acts 5:1-10, 1 Peter 1:16, 1 Corinthians 5:5, Ephesians 5:27
5. Discuss the Practical Application of this sermon.
Ephesians 2:8-9, Ephesians 4:1-3, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
6. Read **Colossians 1:11-12** and discuss how **walking worthy** is tied to four personal characteristics (gotquestions.org);
 - 1) being fruitful in every good work
 - 2) steadily increasing in the knowledge of God
 - 3) using the power of God to joyfully endure and patiently persevere, and
 - 4) giving thanks to the Father for what He has done.