

**United in Communion**  
**1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Pew Bible p. 958**  
**May 1, 2022**

**I. Unhelpful Church (V. 17-22)**

A. When church doesn't help:

1. It divides (V. 18)
2. It hurts (V. 22)

B. A "Fake" Lord's Supper (V. 20-21):

1. Not at the same time
2. Not in the same way

C. Being united in communion means doing the right thing and doing it the right way.

**II. Restored Church (V. 23-34)**

A. A "Real" Lord's Supper:

1. IS ABOUT JESUS (V. 23-26)
2. Eat together (V. 34)
3. Eat to worship (V. 34)

B. Being united in communion means living in the grace of God, especially in our worst moments.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.
2. Have you ever been to a church that hurt you instead of helped you, like the Corinthian church did in verse 17? What happened and what did you do about it?
3. What was division doing to the Corinthian church, according to verse 22? What can division do to a church today?
4. Have you ever observed the Lord's Supper done in an improper way, as it was in verses 20-21? How did you know? What are some ways you guard yourself from taking the Lord's Supper in an improper way?
5. What is the difference between being judged by the Lord and being disciplined by Him, as verse 32 discusses? Is God putting rebellious Christians to death in verse 30 an act of judgment or discipline? Why is that encouraging?
6. What are some ways you see unity in the church in the way it does things? Why is unity in the church such a life or death matter, as verses 30 and 34 imply?
7. Pray for our church, that we would maintain unity in all we do. Consider attending our Zoom Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) to receive the meeting link.

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Bible Reading Plan: Titus 1-3

May Memory Verses: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

**Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)**

*<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. <sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for follow up with visitors who attended the Día del Niño event.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Matthew M. (uncle), Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), and LeRoy H. (wife, Kay)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B’s husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing/improved health), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.’s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Marge D. (bruised ribs after fall), Margaret J. (recovery from cancer surgery), and Paul W. (degenerative discs in neck)
- Others that you are aware of