

Sermon Notes

The meaning of the meal

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Intro: Divisions over dinner in Corinth

The Lord's Supper - What is it?

A Sacrament - A holy thing

Communion - Fellowship

Eucharist - Thanksgiving

Lord's Supper - It's Jesus' meal, given for us to enjoy in his way

The Lord's Supper - What is it about?

1. Remember A visible, dramatic, memorial, meal

Passover - on the night when he was betrayed... (v23)

Atonement - you proclaim the Lord's death... (v24-26)

Covenant - the New Covenant in my blood (v25)

2. Receive

A Spiritual Participation

... this is my body (v24) (10v14-22)

Not a Sacrifice with substantial change in the elements

not merely a Symbol

but also a Spiritual Participation

3. Repent

An opportunity to examine our hearts

... let a person examine himself (v27-32, 10v18-22)

4. Return

A window into the future

... until he comes... (v26)