



ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!

QUESTION: "HOW DO I TEACH THE LORD'S SUPPER?"

"IS THE LORD'S SUPPER AN ORDER?"

ANSWER: "VERY SIMPLY ... AND NO ... IT'S NOT AN ORDER"

EXPLANATION:

1. The Lord's supper is a **REMEMBERING** of what Christ did on the cross for us, and we are to **judge ourselves** beforehand and confess our sins.

2. It is NOT AN ORDER to do this.

1. Hence, the Lord's supper is **not** an ordinance but is a **REMEMBRANCE with consequences** of not treading Christ's shed blood underfoot ([1Cor 11:25](#)).

Furthermore, to say "... the cup, as **oft** as ye drink it ..." ([1Cor 11:25](#)) reveals it is **not** a 'must-do' order. Christians might never have the Lord's supper.

3. You must JUDGE yourself

In the previous chapters prior to the Lord's supper of chapter 11, Paul **delivers the orders for the church in chapters 1-10.**

He then goes on to say "If you are not judging yourselves and following the orders "...as I have **delivered** (**past tense**) them to you..." (11:2), you will get weak, sick and die."

4. The Lord's supper was a **TEST** to see whether they were judging themselves and keeping the orders previously given.

A similar test in the Old Testament was the **Jealousy Test** for a woman to uncover any unfaithfulness to her husband. She would drink the water to see whether she was telling the truth. Her belly would swell and thigh would rot if her speech and heart were not as one ([Num 5:27](#)). This test had more immediate consequences. Almost instant.

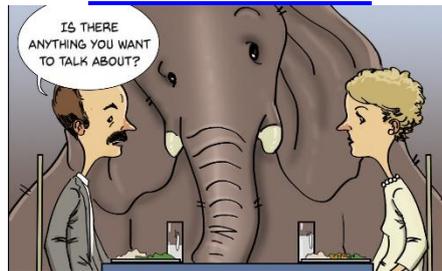
Taking the supper **unworthily** is directed at Christians, **not** the unsaved, who are already unworthy. There is not a special double damnation for double unworthiness for an unsaved person who takes the Lord's supper.

Unlike the Jealousy Test in the Old Testament, the consequences for unworthily taking the Lord's supper may take time to appear ... becoming more weak, sickly, falling asleep.

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