

## The Gravity of Communion

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*"For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread<sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>25</sup> In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it."<sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.<sup>27</sup> So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.<sup>28</sup> That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.<sup>29</sup> For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.<sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.<sup>31</sup> But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.<sup>32</sup> Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world."*

1 Corinthians 11:23–32 (NLT)

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' death.

#### A. The worth of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"In the beginning the Word [Jesus] already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with God."*

John 1:1–2 (NLT)

#### B. My \_\_\_\_\_.

*"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."*

Romans 5:12 (NLT)

#### C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*"Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."*

Philippians 2:6–8 (NLT)

*"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

### D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."*

John 1:12 (NLT)

## 2. Worthy \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. Knowing \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Continual \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

*"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,<sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!"*

Philippians 3:8–11 (NLT)

## 3. Unworthy \_\_\_\_\_.