

# AN INVENTORY OF THE HEART

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Central Idea: The Lord's Supper offers a uniquely powerful time of spiritual intimacy with the Lord. Do you recognize the Lord's Supper as such?

Introduction:

It is practically certain that this epistle was written before any of the Gospels were completed. If this is so, it means that this is the earliest account we have of the institution of Holy Communion. Indeed, it is the earliest record of any words of our Lord. It is one of the very few incidents in the earthly life of our Lord which Paul describes in detail.

### I. The Command of Christ, 11:23-26

1. Its transmission, v. 23a
2. Its nature, vv. 23b-25
3. Its continuation, v. 26

### II. The Chastisement of God, 11:27-30

1. Its basis, vv. 27, 29b
2. Its prevention, v. 28
3. Its nature, vv. 29-30

### III. The Judgment of the Believer, 11:31-32

1. The prevention of judgment, v. 31
2. The occurrence of judgment, v. 32

### IV. The Counsel of Paul, 11:33-34

Conclusion:

There were some other problems connected with the Lord's Supper, but Paul decided that he would deal with them personally when he revisited the church. Above all, Paul was concerned with orderly conduct (1 Corinthians 14:40).

Are we approaching the ordinance of the Lord's Supper with reverence? Let's consider the Lord's Supper a time of spiritual intimacy with the Lord.