

This is a Church: This is The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-34



**The Lord's Supper is the
meal where we proclaim our
unity as God's people**

1. The Purpose

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The Purpose

- Communion is a picture of Jesus' sacrifice for us
- Communion is a physical tool to help us remember Jesus' death for us

A Warning

- Communion is powerful, but if it is used improperly, it can cause powerful harm
- “Discern the body” (v. 29)
 1. Recognize that the bread and wine point to the physical body of Jesus
 2. Recognize the church as the spiritual body of Christ

A Practical Step

- Use time before communion to work on resolving conflicts with others in the church
- Look around the room and ask yourself, “Is there anyone here that I struggle to think of as family? Is there anyone here I struggle to believe I NEED for my spiritual health and growth?”

The Goal

- We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (v. 26)
 1. Christ - We proclaim to God that we trust Him and are thankful for His sacrifice
 2. Community - We proclaim to one another that we encourage and support one another in the faith

The Goal

- We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (v. 26)
 3. Calling - We proclaim to ourselves that we believe the gospel is true
 4. Commission - We proclaim to the world that the blood of Jesus is the only thing strong enough to form our community