

## **Expose 102 K66**

### **Table Manners**

So you know I have never thought about it that one could have a big discussion on table manner until I read an article in one of the online print, that was talking about the table manners for the invited guest for the Queen, when they are coming so they have all these long lists. I was looking at it, there was one particular point that everybody must stop eating the moment the Queen stop eating. So they have this kind of ...

And again there are some people that can never even come into the presence of the Queen, if they have been into prison before. We thank God for the too good to be true news. The Gospel. There was what we read in last transmission that was talking about whosoever. It doesn't matter what your history is, whether you have history of conviction or something, you can come in. Whosoever covers all classes of people.

So even if for an earthly kingdom like this, you know some people cannot have the opportunity, let alone to even adhere to banquet rules, the dinning rules, the table manners. But you have to come to the table first before you can talk about the manners. I was they think they send the lists, the table manners, the etiquette to the invited quests, to those who are qualified to it.

So if for this it can happened in the earthly realm, the earthly kingdom, we will be able to use that to relate to what we are sharing in 1Corinthians Chapter 11 in which we have been discussing in our past transmissions, the last two that we had to know about the worthiness, to know about whosoever, the open invitation and what comes after. Because you don't want to eat yourself to death. And we want to remember the episode in the wilderness, it was actually God that provided the meat but people eat themselves to death. The open invitation is not actually free, completely free like that if you don't really understand the thing. You don't want to eat yourself to damnation, you don't want to eat like that. So we will continue about this table manners.

So you really need to pay attention because there is more to the table manners than just where you hold the forks and where you place the knife. Do you want to take it further?

Thank you for that.

You know if you've been with us in the past few weeks or few transmission, you will noticed that the reason why we are here today or on this aspect that she's been talking

about is because of the reality of the Lord's prayer that we've been looking at. We actually began to look at Matthew 6:11. We've gone through some other phrases in the Lord's prayer, in the light of the New Covenant.

We are currently on where he talks about give us this day our daily bread which is Matthew 6:11. And because of that, the Lord has lead us to different dimensions of this bread. We've gone through **PasstheBread**. We've gone through **BreaktheBread**. And today because of where we stopped in our last transmission, we are looking at **TableManners**.

And the reason we are doing this is because of this. Because it doesn't matter how much nutrients is in the bread as long as we don't take it the way it should be taken. If we don't eat it the way it should be eaten, even though the bread itself is all encompassing in terms of the nutrient and what is present in the bread. It's possible to lose out on the benefits of the nutrient if it is not eaten the way it should be eaten. And that is the reason why Apostle Paul in 1Corinthians 11 from verse 28 downwards began to talk about the manner in which it should be eaten so that we don't lose out on the benefits we were supposed get from eating the bread.

So eating the bread is not really the problem at it were, is how the bread is eating? And that is the Key thing. That is what we are looking out today. And then please if you are wondering what does it mean to eat the bread? Please look up for our last transmission we title **Break the bread**.

And the conclusion in the Holy Ghost is to say to feed on this bread of life is simply that you are proclaiming the death of the Lord till he comes. Our life is meant to be a continual proclamation. It doesn't matter what across your way. It doesn't matter what circumstances is coming knocking on your door. You should be a proclaimer, not of your church, not of your denomination, not of your association, not of your connections. The proclamation a child of God is meant to do continually is to proclaim the death of the Lord till He comes. Your circumstances needs to hear that. Your environment needs to hear that. Your situations need to hear that. Your health in your body needs to hear that. Your daily experience needs to hear that. Your bank account needs to hear that. Proclaiming the death of the Lord till he comes. Not other proclamation that people are busy with today.

So let us go on from verse 28 which is where we stopped in our last transmission.

1Corinthians 11:28 can you please read it.

**1Corinthians 11**

**28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.**

Now, again he is talking about...

Let me start from verse 27.

Yeah you can start from verse 27. I think that makes sense.

**27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**

So he brings up the word **manner**. He brings up the word in a way it should be eaten. And then he says there is a way. So we introduced in verse 27 to the reality of the way the bread should be eaten. That is why verse 27 is there. And he says there is a worthy way to do it, there is an unworthy way to do it. And then he said if it is not done the right way, we can be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

Now, again the Bible says no scriptures is of private interpretation. Can you see that? Nobody can say well, this is what I think this scriptures says. We have to allow the scriptures to interpret itself. Which means let it interpret in its own context.

But before we leave verse 27 to verse 28 because verse 28 and verse 29 will help us to shed more light on verse 27. But there is one thing in verse 27 before we leave it. And he says "being guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord."

Now, you need to understand that in the Law court, in the judicial system. You don't actually declare somebody guilty unless they've been tried with evidence. Now the reason for that is, they want to get a fair hearing. That is why if you noticed, when in a normal civilized world, am not talking about places where there is no...people don't follow... jungle justice.

In a normal civilized country or environment. It doesn't matter whether somebody commit a crime, it doesn't matter whether they saw the person committing the crime. When the police will report, they will say suspected. They will say actually we have a suspect in custody, even though people saw him or they saw him or her commit the atrocity. They will still keep insisting that we have a suspect. Until the person goes through judicial system and goes to court and there is an evidence and the Judge that nails the person before they can say the person is guilty.

They don't say he is guilty right at the point of arresting the person.

Now, before we can talk about somebody being guilty of the blood and the body of the Lord. He is somebody who has been exposed to the evidence. You see? The

evidence in this case is somebody who has come to the table to feed. Can you see that? That is why we are saying there are times that it is whosoever. You don't even become guilty of what you've not been exposed to the evidence of.

So that is why we know he is talking about being exposed to the evidence of the death of and resurrection of Jesus symbolized by the breaking of the bread which is of his body. So we see this. It is about somebody being expose to the evidence.

But again let's go to verse 28 which is where we begin to get more light on what verse 27 is all about, about table manners when it comes to feeding or eating the bread which is the body of Christ Jesus.

Now, what does verse 28 says please?

**28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of the cup.**

Now, this is where some people get confuse about this. And these people that come up with the doctrine of simply saying that unless somebody is holy or perfect in their life or they've done everything correctly and accurately in their daily life, they have no right to come to the table, to feed on the bread of life. Most people that come up with such doctrines, in terms of denominations and ministry, this is one of the verses that they use to actually come up with such notion. But is that really what the scriptures says? That is why we are on Knock Out series on prayer. Is that what it actually says?

Now, again if you interpret this verse 28 to mean that unless you qualify you cannot come to the table, that will contradict verse 27 that says whosoever. Can you see? Verse 27 gives the ticket to anyone to come to the table. And if you are in the last transmission, we said even Judas was invited to the table. He actually partook of that Lord's supper.

So if you think that this verse 28 was supposed to be a qualification test to whether you qualify to come the table, that will contradict verse 27. So what is verse 28 talking about then? "Let's every man examine himself."

Any time you as a Christian or anytime you hear the word examine yourself. What picture comes to your mind? Are you thinking in the light of the Old Covenant? Are you thinking in the light of the New Covenant? Of course examine yourself in the light of the Old Covenant means look towards your actions and look towards your conduct. Is that what it says in the New Covenant? Let the scriptures interpret scriptures.

Can you go quickly to 2Corinthians 13?

Now, how do you examine yourself? Can you see the first thing we see about this table manner is when you get to the table, the very first thing he ask you to do is to examine yourself. This is the table manner like you talked about the other time. You said the Queen they will send a letter to people and say these are the things you need to do, these are the things you need to follow. Well, the Apostle Paul said if you are going to come to this table and eat this bread, as soon as you arrive at the table. The first thing you have to do is, examine yourself.

So it seems like this examination is at the table. Yes! He says whosoever can come to the table. When you land on the table, start first, examine yourself. These are the table etiquette.

I think there is a way people interpreted this or the way they read it is about first of all examine yourself, and so in that their own self-examination they did not even accept the open invitation of coming. That make sense. It means people that think that the examination will be do you qualify to come to the table? That is how people do interpret. Most people interpret that way.

So they start the examination, so they are going to read 28 before 27. Yea! People read verse 28 before 27. So they sit back and first all do the examination and so by the time they come with the result themselves, they feel they cannot accept the invitation. That is true. So they don't... is like putting the horse before the cart. So they are reading 28 before 27. That is the thing.

Well, from what you are saying it will sound to mean that... you've actually struck a very serious cord there, because he says in verse 28, he says let a man examine himself and so let him eat. It sounds to me that the examination was the manner of eating not whether you are going to eat or not. Is I will tell you how you should do the eating, so let him eat.

But we can see again that the examination is at that table. Is how you do the eating, yes! It is at the table because we really must be clear about the venue of this examination. Fine! Because some people might be hearing us and maybe they heard the last transmission and say Oh! we are against examination. These are people that are really unruly. They really want to do things properly. And so they felt like maybe we are against the examination, because we are just going to follow the scriptures with it. We have to start with verse 27 before verse 28. Because some really want to run because they have made themselves the examining officer. Some people are standing to examine for other people. It is just a shame that people are not even examining for themselves. There are some people that are walking like examination officer for others.

So instead of allowing the scriptures to let them examine, each person examine himself. Some people assume the role of examination officer for other people in the kingdom. Kingdom exam officer! to see who.... and so you can see those people will be very guilty of this particular verse, of running to verse 28 because they have assume a role that Is not their own. So they will not be able to... verse 27 is a blind spot for them. They can't see verse 27 because they have assumed a role that the Lord has not call them to be, to be examination officer and so they are so eager to give the result for those...

But we need to really settle the clarity of the venue for this examination. It is all clear that we are doing the examination. So everybody must be examine. And then the second point is like the venue of that examination is at the table. It's not before the table.

Then again, we can see for those people who have becoming examiner officer over people, we can see that let every man, is an individual duty. So there is no presiding officer. So there is no denominational head or somebody in charge to do the examination. So it is let everyone.

I hope that people are coming into this spiritual correction because the Lord has made us the able ministers of the New Testament. This is not by title. It is by responsibility. So we need to understand this. This is the New Testament.

Now, please if you are watching this and you are wondering, are we doing a discuss on communion? Not at all! Please it's not at all. This is the reason. The reason for that is, you will notice that we made mentioned of something in our last transmission that the scriptures... when Christ speaks and even the Apostles they convey spiritual reality by using natural situation.

For example 1Peter Chapter 1 verse 18 and 19 says that you are born again not of the corruptible seed but of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God which lives and abide forever. It doesn't mean that the Word of God is like a corn seed. It's just trying to tell you that do you understand how seed works in the natural? If you understand how the farmer plants seed and it grows up and gives you a new life which is a new plant, that is how the Word of God can be planted in your heart and it grows.

So the Bible always uses this kind of terminology and allegory. So our focus as it were, it doesn't matter whether you believe this or not, but the reality is, because you believe in the Lord Jesus and you are declaring the death of the Lord till He comes. You are feeding on the bread. It doesn't matter whether you go to mass. We are more interested in the spiritual reality.

So the Apostle Paul is also communicating the spiritual reality but trying to use the type and shadow of what they were involved in to show them the reality. So in a way you can put it this way. Paul thinks that if somebody doesn't eat the bread in a worthy manner, naturally speaking it will mean they don't even understand the spiritual reality of what they are doing.

And so don't get this that we are actually concern about or focus on the communion table in your place of worship. We are actually more focus on the spiritual reality of it, which is what the key thing is.

So there is a way then. If it is true that feeding on the bread is proclaiming the death of the Lord till He comes. It will mean then if somebody is not doing it in a worthy manner, that means there is a way you have to proclaim the death of the Lord till He comes. There is a manner to it. So you see, focus on the spiritual reality of what we are discussing.

Now, again there is a word we cannot seem to actually shrug off, which is the word "let a man examine himself." And I think that word examine himself has become, I don't know how to call it, a stepping stone for someone, and a stumbling block for others. The word examining yourself.

We will need to depend on the Holy Ghost pointing to us scriptures to see what does it mean for somebody in the New Covenant to examine themselves? If this is a table manner that must be observed at the table. Can you see that?

Can you read that please, 2Corinthians Chapter 13 verse 5.

What does it says please?

## **2Corinthians 13**

**5. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ in you, except ye be reprobates?**

Examine yourselves,

Again, the same word, Examine yourselves! Now if you are looking for the Greek word, it's the word **dokimazo**. That is what it is. Examine yourselves! If you have a concordance, you can check that out. So it is exact word that was used in 1Corinthians 11 verse 28.

So the reason we are going to 2Corinthians 13:5 is to shed more light on what the examining yourselves of 1Corinthians 11:28 is saying.

So can you read that please?

**as to whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ in you, except ye be reprobates?**

So he is talking to Christians. You know anytime people say that, examine yourselves as to whether you are still in the faith. Now the picture that comes to mind when you hear people say that is, Oh! Let me see, have I crossed all the t's and dotted all the i's? Have I done everything exactly in a way that I can be approved before God so that God can fulfill accept me? Have I meant all the demands of God and all that? That is what we start thinking, examine yourselves whether you are still in the faith. That is the kind of common picture that comes to mind. But let's see what the Holy Ghost has to say about this thing, whether you are still in the faith.

Now what is the next thing that he says?

**prove your own selves,**

Test yourselves, examine yourselves.

Go on please?

**know ye not your own selves,**

It means anytime you do a test or examination, how do you know if you've done the examination right? If you've done all the questions correctly then we should see you passing the test. If you do all the questions wrongly or you didn't meet up all the cut off mark or the pass mark. So you fail the test.

So the Apostle Paul is going to tell them how do you know if you do the test right or not? He says examine yourself if you are still in the faith. He says test yourself. And he is going to tell them, how do you know if you do well or you flunked the test? See what he says next?

**know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ in you, except ye be reprobates?**

Ok. That doesn't really sound the way people interpret examine yourself. You see most people when we say examine yourself. You see! Most people when we say examine yourself. We don't see Christ now. What we see is ourselves.

Now, this is a bit of a contradiction. Am not sure if you've seen the contradiction of what the Apostle Paul is trying to pass across to us. How can you ask Christians to examine themselves and simultaneously they are going to see Christ? I thought if you are going to examine yourself, you see yourself? I will say that slowly again. I thought if you are going to examine yourself, you should look at yourself?



But the Holy Ghost says examine yourself in the New Covenant is to see somebody else. See! this is where... like we said and thank God you mentioned that in the other time. He says we are not ministers of the Old Covenant. We are able minister of the New Covenant. Again I call your attention to where Jesus said if you put new wine in old wineskin, it will burst.

Now as a Christian, you cannot afford to relate with the Father who has enacted a New Covenant in the blood of Jesus and you are relating with him as somebody who is still under the blood of bulls and goats. And this is the reason why there is a lot of confusion in so many Christians life, because we are trying to match two covenants that cannot work and is causing confusion for us. In the New Covenant, any time you are call to self-examination, you are not supposed to see yourself.

See what he says, he says

**test yourself do you not know... can you see? That Christ dwells in you.**

So I can come to a conclusion that says anytime you do the examination, if you do it correctly, you should see Christ and not you. If you are seeing yourself, you've done the question wrong. That is why he told them on how to know whether you pass the test or you fail the test. If you do the test, how do you know you do the test rightly? You should have seen Christ. And that is what this self-examination thing is. I know is a bit confuse when he say examine yourself, but that is what he means there in the Holy Ghost.

Yea, blessed be God for bringing this clarity because I think most people do fail on the table. That is for those people that even actually come to the table at all. Who really come and want to do the examination? Who know that it is their own personal responsibility and not using machinery. Because some people are using machinery who is doing it for them.

So some people have crossed those two hurdles. They really understood that the examination is at the table. And they know it is their own personal responsibility, they are not going to give this option to someone else to do. But they, they don't even understand the exam paper. That is it. The exam question is about see Christ. Go and look for Christ. Where is Christ? When you look at yourselves, you should see not yourself, you should see Christ.

But if they do not understand that, not understanding the question, what the examination is all about. What the examination begin to weld different question to that. The question is, is Christ not in you? Where is Christ here? But if they are looking at themselves, that means they have a different question paper, or they don't

really understand what the question paper is and that is complete failure for it. Because people really know they should do an exam. Some are able to understand that they need to do exam, they need to do it themselves, they are really being faithful, they are going to use machinery. They don't want any examiner officer to sit for them, for this examination. They are ready to do it themselves. But yet they got the question paper, they do not understand what the question paper is. And by that, they are already fail at the table.

Do you know the irony of it? Is that when most people are invited to the table. The major instruction they give them is to say, can you examine yourselves and see whether you qualify to partake of this table? And they tell people can you think about what you did yesterday? Can you think about how you spoke with your wife?

Now, please we are not encouraging lawlessness. We are not saying you can live anyhow. Of course, if you have watched our prodigal father series many weeks ago. We talked about the consequences and our conscience even when we do the wrong thing. It actually defiles our conscience. That is why you cannot afford...

Bible talks about some people whose consciences are seared with hot iron. Your conscience are violated every time you go against your true nature in Christ Jesus. You are God's righteousness. Any time you violated that righteousness, not just about the fact that you've done something wrong, your conscience is polluted. We've talked about that. So you can listen to that transmission.

But what we are simply saying is, every time you are call to examine yourself. You are not supposed to look at yourself again. Can you see? 2Corinthians 13:5, 6 says an examination of yourselves is to look at who is in you? I mean who become your righteousness? Who become your holiness? Who is your perfection? Who is your purity? Who is your goodness? Can you see? Who is your true nature? Who is your true character?

What do you see at the table? Are you seeing yourself or are you seeing Christ. And he says the first table manners is any time you come to the table examination what do you see at the table? Do you see yourselves or do you see Christ?

Now, you know this is the very first thing he is talking about. But when most people talk about this, instead of giving the people the liberty to see Christ in themself at the table, they encourage people to see themselves at the table. And the open is defeated. It means the very first principle of table manners is actually defeated right there at the table.

In other words if you hear examine yourself, the thing you should hear is, is Christ in you or not? Yes or No? You really need to understand that and you don't allow people to misinterpret that and bringing you to yourselves and generating some questions out of that. Is like some people have a list of questions, like a questionnaire they have developed based on their own misinterpretation of what examine yourself is. So is like you are going through those questions what did you do last night? What did you do last month? Have you filled all the quota? Have you evangelize long enough? How many souls have you won to the Lord in this year? Or many life have you actually converted? and all these things we begin to have report sheet.

And is it not that those things are bad, No! They are good. But in the light of examine yourself, that was not the question. That is what we are after. So I hope people are hearing us well. You are hearing the right thing. Not that those questions that the other people were asking which people have misinterpreted that verse to. But it was not the question for the examination at the table.

So it might serves some other purposes, but it was not... you know is just like doing a different exams. Bringing a different examination paper. So the fact that the exam, the question paper was right or not, that is not what we are talking here, debating here. We are not talking about the legitimacy of whether this question is right and fair.

But for this table, the table of the Lord, the examination, that is not the question. So every good intentions questions that has been developed has been used to interpret this. We are going to discard it. We are knocking it out, so that we get the right interpretation of this question. Those questions that we have, all those questionnaire, all these follow up questions and survey questions that people have used and substituted the word of examination about ourselves, see Christ in us. Because Christ is in us and they have used those good intentions questions to display that of Christ and defeat the purpose of the communion, we are discarding that in the light of it. It might have a place in another place, it definitely had a place but not on the communion table. And that is it.

Thank you for that.

You know when you are talking about doing the wrong questions. That remind of a particular thing, am not sure some years ago when I heard about this. Somebody said a student was given a question to write about the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. That was the question he was given in the exam. And he said well, who am I write? and that was the question on the question paper. It might sound a bit fictional. I'm not saying it actually happened. But it was a kind of joke and somebody said, the student said how can I write about my Lord Jesus on the question paper? I will rather write

about Apostle Peter or John the Baptism or somebody. And then he created his own question and answer it. That is what some Christians are doing with 1Corinthians 11:28, 29. Can you see that? Some are doing it for them. We create our own question. All he asked you is to say examine yourself.

Now for an example, if you are in a room. This is the picture I had now, if you are in a room and there is a chair in the midst of the room, or a table in the midst of the room. And if somebody says can you examine that room, is there a chair inside that room or not? That was the question. All you need to say is oh, I can see a chair in the room or I can't see a chair in the room. That should be the answer to the exam question.

2Corinthians 5:13 says if the scriptures asked you table manners at the table, examine yourself, can I have the question? The question is, is Christ in you or not? Yes or No. That is the question. Don't create a new question by trying to create a question like you said about the fact that Oh, have I done enough to satisfy God's favour upon my life or God's demand? That is not the question. So let's stick to the question.

The bottom line is for us to really understand and interpret the scriptures for ourselves, no matter what people are saying, no matter good intentions that people might want to bring the interpretation because some people really they don't really see a wrong doctrine and think that is not bad. They don't understand that some things are good, good instructions and everything is might be wrong.

So the fact that it doesn't sound wrong, it makes it sensible. Does not mean is the New Testament. That is the thing. Because they feel, oh, are these questions wrong themselves? All those question you are taking yourself. They are not wrong. They are not bad. They are good things for people to aspire to. They are good things to encourage people to aspire to. But for the table, it is a wrong question. That is the thing.

That is why we just have to understand the scriptures ourselves. We don't allow people that are really well meaning to help us interpret and take us out of the grace of God, take us out of the New Testament by their good intentions. They meant well, but they are well meaning. We need to understand and go to this scripture ourselves.

And more so again maybe because of the familiarity, we already know what 1Corinthians 11 is all about, some people are just jumping off. Their problem is jumping off, forgetting 27, jumping off to some verse that really appease to them. There are some verses that call out to them and it guides them. So they are going to shun away some of the verses before that it talks nothing about it.

And if you do like that, if you don't come with humility, come about step by step, precept by precept. You are going to miss. And it makes a whole lot of difference, all those small words like whoever, whosoever, all those things they makes a lot of difference. Because some people might actually read verse 28, and say examine yourself but they don't know interpretation of what examine yourself means. Because in that same verse of what examination of yourself is, the Lord did not leave us hanging. To try to fill in what examine yourself meant. He actually told us. That what examining yourself what it meant, some people just examine yourself, that is the key word and they are going to run over all the other words ...

I think what you are saying if is not examine yourself, the question should have be, what is the exam question? They assumed they know the exam question. Yes they feel that is the real one, I have gotten that. I don't need to know all the interpretation of examine yourself is. They are just going to run off in a hurry.

Anyway if somebody ask me something and say... if am in college or university and somebody says we need to do self-examination. Am going to ask him what is the question? What question should I used to examine myself? And I think most people who are actually fall into this misinterpretation of 1Corinthians 11:29 is because people are not asking what is the exam question? That is why 2Corinthians 13:5 tells us the exam question.

But you know people that falls into such error are people that feel they have the understanding of it, because actually you really have to be school in a way. Ok, if they say self-examination, already they are knowledgeable. So is people that are really ignorant will not fall into that kind of error. Because they don't really know anything. They have to go back to scriptures and there search will lead them to 2Corinthians 13:5. Those are those ones. They are not knowledgeable. And they are asking the question.

But for people that really have understanding, or they are already school or something, they have some interpretation, preconceived way of thinking about some things. They are really going to run off. It will take the grace of God for them to accept to be going to scriptures and let scriptures again interpret themselves. People that already have the mind of what examination ought to be. They are already setting questions for others, so definitely they might miss those salient points.

Thank you for that all those insights you've given us. God bless you.

Now, you see verse 28 says

**let a man examine himself and so let him eat.**

Now, it means he is saying that by the time you are eating, I want you to see nothing but Christ in you. I mean if you are going to drag 2Corinthians 13:5 into 1Corinthians 11:28, 29. It means at your eating at the table, I want you to see nothing of yourself. All I want you to see is Christ. It means as you are proclaiming the death of the Lord till He comes, I want your eating at the Lord's table...

Now, this is the way to look at it. Any time you come to the communion table, any time you come to eat of the bread and drink of the blood. I want you to do it in the understanding of what it is practically. So practically, eating and drinking is for me to say I see nothing but Christ in me. I see nothing but Christ in me. This is your self-examination. I see nothing but Christ in me.

Now, this is the point, it will mean that if the enemy then want to come at you with condemnation, and say this is the reason why you don't qualify for the blessings of God in your life. In fact, there are some of you that are listening to this today, some of you might be in this situation, things might be working well for you or you already enjoy some benefit of God's goodness in your life and something is telling you, one of these days something will go wrong. And he says you know the reason why, you know that thing you did wrong, God is not fully happy with you. God is not fully on your side, because of this and because of that. And the enemy comes at you.

Well, the Bible says if you are feeding on the bread and you are proclaiming the death of the Lord till He comes, you should be seeing nothing but Christ. You should do self-examination and all that you should see is all about Christ. Everything you should see, your qualification before God should be all about Christ. Your acceptance before the Father should be all about Christ. Everything you should see. You should see nothing of yourself. Nothing! If you are still seeing yourself, you are not observing the proper table manner and that is what we see there.

It is assuring to say that...am still going back to 2Corinthians Chapter 13 verse 5. You can see that it is so assuring that the Lord is making through Apostle Paul, making us to understand that this exam is so easy, nobody should fail it naturally unless Christ is not in you. It's so comforting to know that, if you want to even sit an exam and somebody say unless Christ is not in you, that is when you can be disqualified. As long as you have Christ in you, you are qualify. You have passed.

And that is why I can see in that 1Corinthians 11:27 says examine and eat. So it seems like almost everybody will pass it. Examine yourself and so eat. It's just like a general outcome will be... unless Christ is not in you. If Christ is not in you, that means you don't qualify. Is Christ in you? You are qualify. How simple can that be? But you know what people say these days? And we found out that some people, Christ is in

them and they are not qualify. Because they do not ... some people they said, well, Christ in you, fine! but you know what? to actually qualify, this and this and this and this in addition to the fact that Christ is in you. We made the question complicated.

It was a very simple question. They develop sub-questions to it. And because of the sub-questions, they fail those sub-questions altogether. Of course you will definitely fail those sub-questions. You know why you fail them? Nobody can pass sub-questions. And then you know because it is going to be weighted average (assumed that)... because there are so many sub-questions even though the first questions was a pass, and because the other sub-questions they failed it. All together a failure, whereas the simplicity of the gospel is just one question. Is Christ in you?

Well, that is it. He says if Christ is in you, you are qualified. Even verse 6 was saying I trust that you will know that you are already qualified. You cannot be disqualified already. He is talking to the Christians here. That is the thing.

So he says this examination is that basic. And then you see, this is serious because it will mean that we are the ones disqualifying ourselves by adding sub-questions to the main question. The main question was, is Christ in you? I don't want to hear nothing else. No wonder the Apostle Paul said, I think in Chapter 1 or 2, where he said when I came among you to the Corinthians church, I came to know nothing but Christ and him crucified. That is the question. Paul said I reduce the whole thing to one thing, that is the question, don't add to the question.

I like Apostle Peter for one thing, you know by the time there was so much argument between whether they should allowed the gentiles to benefit from the redemption of Christ Jesus and they went to Jerusalem and all that. And they have this convention, I can use that word. Just like the UN convention.

You know there is one thing that Peter said... He told the Jews why they should accept the gentiles, why they should not block them from partaking of what Christ did. He said one thing. Peter said you all know, he was talking to the Jews of his... he said you know that all these things even our fathers struggle to keep them. Peter said we all know that we couldn't even keep up with them. We know that. Why do we want to deceive ourselves.

That is why I said, the reason why we are disqualify is because we disqualify ourselves. Adding sub-questions to a very simple question. You can enter with boldness. Everything the Father has is yours. You can come with boldness before the throne of grace. You can say well, am so bold and somebody say why are you so bold? You can say sorry Romans Chapter 8 verse 1 says there is therefore now no

condemnation for those who are in Christ. For those that see Christ in them. There is therefore now. Now there is nothing else attached.

That is why some people that you might be hearing this today and you might noticed that some of the things that are damaging your confidence when you pray or you are asking the Father for something. Am not talking about being bold face or just being trying to use a form of being bold face. Am talking about spiritual boldness. The reason why some Christians today are not bold. If you ask them are you sure that God will answer your prayer? or are you sure that you will definitely receive what you asked for? Are you sure that you cannot be rejected from what you are demanding for?

The reason why some are not too bold to say because they say well, I think looking at myself, the scriptures says there is only one question to know if you are qualify or not. Is Christ in you? Yes or No. And he says when you come to the table to feed on this bread, this bread we've been talking about from **Pass the bread to Break the Bread**, that was our last two transmissions. If you come to feed on this bread, the scriptures want to know, have you done the examination and have you pass the test? So eat if you pass the test. So eat!

So now it means, now with verse 27 will start to make sense then. How somebody can drink and eat unworthily. It means if somebody comes and they examine themselves and they fail the test or they are disqualify and they are eating the bread. You know what happens? They are eating the bread in an unworthy manner, which means they are feeding on the bread physically speaking but actually, the spiritual reality of what they feeding stands for, they flung that test. And that is why he says eating in a worthy manner. Can you see that? That is what we see there.

Verse 29 please,

**29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**

So you should know what unworthy stands for now. It means if somebody is eating and drinking but yet they are actually taking that examination. They are not seeing Christ in the picture in them.

Go on please,

**For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**



It means not understanding of the reality of the body that was broken. The reality! What is the reality? He says anytime you feed on the bread, what are you proclaiming? Can you see that? Because the physical bread that they were eating is just a shadow, the reality is in the proclamation. You are proclaiming.

So you must have the understanding of what it stands for. And that is the proclamation. You must have the discernment of that. The proclamation of the death of the Lord till he comes. That is why we said if a believer must be a proclaimer, he must be a declarer. That is what you are supposed to keep declaring. Keep proclaiming.

And he says if somebody comes to the table and they are just eating and they don't even understand their eating is a declaration of the proclamation of the death of the Lord till He comes. He says if they do that, they can drink damnation.

You want to say one or two things?

Yes, because that verse 21, our viewers if you remember in our last transmission where started in this 1Corinthians talking about people that does not discern the body, they are just thinking just physical bread. So they come to the table, some hungry, they do anyhow. They thought is all about the bread. Because there was no discerning there to know that there is a spiritual significance that is higher than the physical nutritional value in what this bread can do.

And that is why you are just eating as if they are feasting. Some are just doing anyhow with the physical bread not knowing that it has a higher significance of the proclamation. So we cannot attack the table, we cannot attack the bread without understanding what is the significance. And that is not discerning.

Thank you from that.

So it means as a believer, you could look at yourself and simply say am I eating the bread and drinking the blood in a worthy manner? Now you don't even have to come to the communion table to ask that question. Like we said a communion is just a natural enactment of a spiritual fact. So the question is, are you observing the table manners? And the question is are you eating the bread and drinking the blood in a worthy manner? How would you know that?

Well, he says for you to know that, are you discerning the body of the Lord? Christians have actually fed on the bread. They've actually drank the blood because Jesus said if you don't eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you. So it is safe to say in the Holy Ghost that if you have eternal life in you, you've actually

taken the bit of the bread. But the question is are you consistently feeding in the right manner? How do we know that? He says proclaiming the death of the Lord till He comes is feeding on that bread. And he is simply that some people that are even feeding on the bread and consuming the bread are not doing it a worthy manner.

How do you know a Christian who is continually feeding on this bread in a worthy manner? How do you know? He says are you discerning the body of the Lord? Are you understanding the implication of what took place on the body of Christ on the cross? This is where a lot of us are in situations where on a consistent and on continual basis, we are not discerning the body of the Lord.

Are you judging, are you coming to a conclusion and say oh! I understand the reason why He was nailed to the cross. Oh! I understand the reason why He was crucified. I understand the reason why Isaiah Chapter 52, 53 talks about the fact that his visage was marred beyond form. Oh! I understand the reality of why He was beaten on his body with stripes. Can you see that? I mean 1 Peter 2:24 says who himself bore our sins in his body on the tree. Can you see? His body on the tree that we being dead to sins should live on to righteousness, by whose stripes you are healed. I understand the reason why his stripes came on his body. He says can you discern? Can you come to a conclusion on a regular basis? He says coming consistently with that understanding is simply you eating the flesh and drinking the blood in a worthy manner because you are consistently discerning the body of the Lord. And that is what we see there.

So it means the only remedy heaven has for you and I today, the only remedy God has for us in this life and the life to come is to consistently feed on this bread and to drink this blood. And he says it must be done in a worthy manner. So he says be continually discerning the Lord's body, understanding the implication of that.

Go to verse 30.

### **30. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep.**

Now, the reason why if you are listening to this today. You cannot take this kind of transmission with levity. You cannot even take it for granted. This is the reason. Verse 30 is the reason.

He is saying that if you see anyone... I like the word, he says for this cause... that is serious!

He says this is the reason... Paul said this is an explanation. You know we are in a generation where people end up saying well, if you see somebody going through a particular situation or you see somebody struggling through a particular circumstance,

well don't judge people and don't say that this is the reason why they are going through what they are going through. It could have happened to anyone and people says things like that. And I think that is in a way politically correct.

But it seems the Apostle Paul has lost all sense of political correctness if I want to use it that way. Because Paul is saying I have an explanation for why some of you are weak. I have an explanation for why some are sick. He says for this cause. Paul said I have got the answer. No more in the dark now. I know why some of you believers are struggling. I know why some of you are disappointed. I know why some of you are discouraged. I know why some of you are confused in your life. I know why some of you are so down and depressed. I know why some of you are struggling every day. I know why some people even die before their time.

Oh! Paul said there is an explanation for these things. These are not just random events happening to random people. It will sound to me then in this Word, it means there is a guarantee that these feeding of the bread in the right manner can give you as a Christian. Can you see why we are not just here to just transmit because we want to while away the time, because we are saying something that can guarantee of an expected outcome in life? He says for this cause. Can you see? What cause is that? Verse 29, because people are not discerning the body of the Lord. He said if we don't eat with the right etiquette, discerning the Lord's body, he said for this cause many are weak.

Now, you see the conventional interpretation of this verse that most people do have is the fact that if you come to the table, the communion table now, using the natural explanation for the spiritual reality, people end up thinking the fact that if you eat the bread and you drink the blood and you have not confess all your sins then the Lord will strike you with sickness or death. They said well, it is very dangerous for you if you are in this place today and you know there is something that you have not done right in your life, and you eat this thing, is very dangerous. And people say all those kind of things.

But it will sound to me that from verse 29 the only reason why he says for this cause in verse 30 is that he is saying that, you didn't discern the body of the Lord in verse 29. And if you go back to verse 28, this discerning the body of the Lord in verse 28 talks about the fact that you didn't carry out the examination correctly. This got nothing to do with God's striking anybody with death. You are the one doing the exam. And you are the one discerning. And he says if you don't do the exam correctly, and you don't discern correctly, he says there are consequences. People get weak and sick and die.

I will still throw more light on that.

This is a very serious matter because you might feel like that this does not apply to you. But we know some people over the years because of the way the people have developed sub-questions for themselves, some people have not pass. They've never had the opportunity to break the bread at all, to eat it in a worthy or unworthy manner. Every time, because one of the sub-questions they do not pass, the next time they have the opportunity.

So you really need to understand why. Because some people might feel does it really matter and feel you can pass a bit and some will never even pass, will never have the opportunity on this side of eternity to even brake the bread at all. Because of all the questions. And that is why people need to be careful. People that form all these questions. The sub questions that misinterpret what this examination is. They really have to be careful because some people are so weak in understanding, some people are so spiritually challenged, disabled mentally, so that they don't really understand this and they are stocked. So they have lost every opportunity because of the complexity of what we interpete this scripture into.

And thank God for the example of Apostle Peter and Paul when they came to settle this things, because they could have torn everybody apart. Now, we should abstain from blood and all those things and reduce it. That was the wisdom, to reduce it. If not some people will not be able to partake of the grace.

And so it is our responsibility as able minsters of God to make things. To make people to be able to access. To not complicate and bring things there all because of our well-meaning or our good intentions and bring things into this things and complicate and take people out of the grace. And block people out, and block people from even enjoying. Because some people like we said today that people can understand it, some people can live in the conscious discernment. They don't even need to come to the table, to the breaking of the bread physically but they are living their life in the consciousness of the death of the Lord till He comes.

Some people is only when they come to the table is an opportunity for them to have the consciousness of the proclaiming. So they have the opportunity of that proclaiming. But if because of our own introduction or our own becoming the examining officer, we have used that and we have complicate matters for people and excluded people from this. And so they lost the opportunity for them to proclaim, what is the purpose? So we really have to look at this and look at all these about some weak brethren, some people that cannot even interpret themselves. And that is the thing.

Now, let's take it more practical about this, so that our viewers can get what the Lord is trying to pass across to us today. Now you see different types of food have different type of nutrients, am talking naturally now. Carbohydrates, proteins, Vitamins, Minerals. You know all these different types of food with different types of nutrients that have different purposes in the human body.

Now, if somebody decides not to eat in the right manner. In fact, I do understand....you can correct me if you think is not accurate... that when children are eating even adult, people that eat quickly or they rush when they are eating or the way they eat. There are times they eat and they normally say the digestion process can be actually compromise the way people eat. Some people don't masticate or crush the food well and they just swallow like that. And then atimes, the food doesn't have enough room to be able to get digested. (Am just thinking for time you might want to save this analogy for our next transmission because of time).

In a nutshell, what am trying to say is, the way and manner people eat and then if the nutrient in that food doesn't go into our body system and then get digested properly, we don't get access to the nutrient. And if we don't get access to the nutrient it means then, there are times that the body struggles to fight off some disease because we do not receive the benefit of the nutrients in the food to build up our body against such situations that will probably attack our body.

Here the Bible is simply saying that when you see people who are weak, sick and dying. Could not mean the Apostle Paul is saying that for this cause, people who have not eating the bread in a worthy manner. Those who are not discerning the body. And Paul said you are wondering why many of you are weak, and sick and dying. You are wondering why there are things happening in your life. You are wondering why things are not the way it should it be. You are wondering why you are not reaping the benefit of redemption that Christ brought to humanity. Could it be you are not feeding in the right manner?

I think we will actually shed more light on this in the next transmission.

From verse 30 is going to be our next talking point next time. And we can see from this transmission that our wellness, our strength, our life is tie to understanding this thing, eating in the right manner, the table manners. So our wellness, our strength because he says for many are weak, sick and many have slept for this cause.

So this table manner is so important if you want to stay alive. If you want to be well, if you want to have strength.

So we want to encourage you to join us in our next transmission as we continue on this, and am sure you will want to join us.

So please feel free to share this, feel free to live this truth.

So till we see you for the next transmission, we want to say please observe the table manners. It is very important so that you can stay alive. You can stay strong and you can be well.

Bye!!!