Reverence In Worship And Fellowship

1 Corinthians 11:2-34

Key Verse: 11:26

"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

* REVERENCE AND ORDER IN WORSHIP (2--16)

1. For what did Paul commend the Corinthian Christians? (2) Why? (1) Read verse 3. What is the general principle governing the relationships between God, man and woman?

2. In what cases would a man or a woman be dishonored? (4--6) Why should a man not cover his head, and why should a woman do so? (7--10) During worship, how did keeping this order express reverence for God? (cf. Isa6:2--3) How can we be reverent in worship today? (See Heb12:28; think about this in terms of one's attitude toward God and influence on others.)

3. What is the relationship between man and woman "in the Lord"? (11--12) In what sense are they equal before God? (Gal 3:28) How does this help us understand the order Paul mentions? On what basis did Paul appeal to them? (13--16)

* REVERENCE AND LOVE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER (17--34)

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4. How and why did Paul chastise them? (17--22) On which problem did he focus? (20) How had they been expressing their irreverence for the church of God and their selfishness?

5. Read verses 23--25. Who instituted the Lord's Supper? What did Jesus say when he broke the bread and shared the cup? (Lk 22:19--20; Mt 26:26--28) What is meant by the new covenant? (Ex 24:8; Jer 31:31-34) What does eating the bread and drinking the cup mean to us? (Jn 6:53--56) When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, what should be the focus? (24b,25b)

6. Read verse 26. Besides encouraging our personal faith, what evangelistic purpose does celebrating the Lord's Supper serve? Until when should this be done?

7. Why is it so serious to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner? (27,29--30) What did Paul mean by "unworthy manner"? (28--32; cf. 21--22) What is the proper attitude toward the Lord's Supper? (28,33--34)

8. What have you learned in this lesson about reverence in worship and fellowship?