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#### A. Unity is Absent vs.18-19

**1 Corinthians 11:18-19 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup> In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

<sup>19</sup> No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.

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**1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NIV)** <sup>12</sup> The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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#### B. The Lord is Absent vs.20-21

***1 Corinthians 11:20-21 (NIV)*** <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, <sup>21</sup> for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk.

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**1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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#### C. Praise is Absent vs.17, 22

***1 Corinthians 11:17 (NIV)*** In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good.

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#### C. Praise is Absent vs.17, 22

**1 Corinthians 11:22 (NIV)** Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!



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#### C. Praise is Absent vs.17, 22

***1 Corinthians 11:2 (NIV)*** I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you.

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### II. A Remembered Feast vs.23-26

#### A. Unity is Present vs.23-24

***1 Corinthians 10:17 (NIV)*** Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

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### II. A Remembered Feast vs.23-26

#### B. The Lord is Present vs.25

***1 Corinthians 11:25 (NIV)*** In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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### II. A Remembered Feast vs.23-26

#### C. Praise is Present vs.26

***1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)*** For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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### III. A Love Inspired Feast vs.27-34

#### A. Think about others not just themselves. vs.29, 33

***Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)*** <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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<sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

***1 Corinthians 11:33 (NIV)*** So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other.

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### III. A Love Inspired Feast vs.27-34

#### B. Examine themselves in the presence of the Lord. vs.28-29

***1 Corinthians 11:28-29 (NIV)*** <sup>28</sup> A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

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**C. Bring praise to the Lord instead of condemnation to themselves. vs.30-32**

***1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)*** <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. <sup>32</sup> When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.



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