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1st Corinthians 11:23-32

Whenever we sin as believers, we grieve or quench the Holy Spirit and God's grace recovery solution is to acknowledge our sins before Him; 1st John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

The problems connected with the Communion table in Corinth will be corrected on the basis of the Word of God which had to first of all be received by the writer of Scripture before he could communicate it.

The ultimate source of this information is God Himself as all biblical truth has its ultimate source in God; so therefore, the Word of God can only be taught dogmatically and emphatically with authority.

So, we have Paul betraying the Word of God in the sense that he is delivering it or passing it on and Judas betraying Jesus as the Passover was being converted to the Lord's supper in the sense that he was about to deliver or pass on the Lord to the religious authorities.

Interestingly, the believers in Jesus Christ in Corinth who were abusing the agape love feast of Communion are in one sense, no better than Judas who left the table just before the Eucharist was instituted to go out to betray the Lord.

This is a compound analogy from a paronomasia ; Jesus Christ was betrayed by Judas and just as Judas was betraying Jesus, the Corinthians minus the appropriate biblical truth are also betraying Jesus at the same Lord's table which they don't understand and therefore, they abuse.

To truly receive Jesus Christ is to be thankful for Jesus Christ.

When Jesus Christ hung on the cross, His deity didn't die, couldn't die, couldn't become obedient and couldn't have contact with sin, so He had to be a member of the human race. Jesus Christ is equal with God because He is God and He is equal with man because He is a man; so it takes the God-Man to become the Mediator to both.

The bread tells us in Communion that in all of the history of the human race, there is only one Person who's ever lived who could be the Substitute for the rest of the human race.

The Communion table has deep meaning and the purpose of the bread is to bring to our memory the uniqueness of the Person of Jesus Christ.

The blood of the animal causing physical death is a direct analogy to the substitutionary spiritual death of Christ when He was bearing our sins.

The Person of Jesus Christ in all of His splendor and uniqueness cannot help us unless He goes to the cross.

The Person of Christ cannot help us; it's His work that saves us but He has to be the Person He is in order to be our Savior.

Jesus said to drink the cup and the point is: We appropriate His work as we believe in Him for who He is and most importantly, what He does for us.

Why will the believer be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord?

1. The Holy Spirit teaches the believer spiritual understanding giving reality to the significance of the Lord's table.

2. The carnal believer is not oriented to grace when out of fellowship and therefore he rejects the grace principle of recovery and stays out of fellowship; only increasing his disciplinary misery.

3. The carnal believer taking the cup of the Eucharist is guilty of blasphemy and God neither condones nor fellowships with the carnal believer in time and therefore this blasphemy must be disciplined.

The general reason for Christian's dying is because their work is finished on earth; a second reason to die is to glorify the Lord in some special way; a third reason for death is superimposing human will over divine will in suicide and the fourth reason is the ultimate divine discipline of the sin unto death.

God's children are disciplined in time but never condemned in eternity.

The unbeliever stands before the Lord Jesus Christ with the human good production of his sin nature although his sins were judged at the cross.