



# Divinity, Wealth and Poverty

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## Wealth and Poverty (and the divisive attitudes it tempts)

**1 Corinthians 11:17** But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse.

<sup>18</sup> For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it.

<sup>19</sup> For there must also be factions among you, in order that those who are approved may have become evident among you.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

<sup>21</sup> for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

<sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink?  
Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who have nothing?  
What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

## The Big Idea (the cure for divisive attitudes: remember Jesus and proclaim His death)

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

<sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

<sup>25</sup> In the same way *He took* the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

## The Application (how to practice the big idea)

**1.**

<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

<sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

<sup>29</sup> For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

<sup>30</sup> For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

<sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world.

## **2.**

<sup>33</sup> So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

<sup>34</sup> If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you may not come together for judgment. And the remaining matters I shall arrange when I come.