

Unity in the Church

Concept development: Church – Being of one mind

Body:

Civil disagreement among brethren

It seems to be small matters that are under consideration (6:2)

It would be better to suffer wrong than to take the matter to court

Even the "no account" brethren could decide these matters better (6:4)

There is no gain in a lawsuit (6:7)

Causes hard feelings among the brethren (Ps. 18:9) Prov 18:19 - be sure to read verse

Christians should be able to work out their own problems

The saints shall judge the world and angels

Standing by Jesus as He judges

Proof that one can obey and be pleasing to God

The people in dispute should be able to work it out

With the help of other wise Christians

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

The Corinthians Christians made the Lord's Supper a feast

Love Feast (Agape) [Jude 12] - see note, this low the feast was confused

The rich had much food, ate to their fill, boasting of their portion, not waiting for all

The poor had little food and were hungry and they were embarrassed in their lack

This caused division and hard feelings

They were partaking to satisfy the flesh

They treated the Lord's Table as their own

A common meal to fill their bellies

They would not share what they had so that all may have enough [Acts 2:44]

Have you not houses to eat in

On the Night that the Lord was betrayed

Jesus knew that death and separation from God was near, it was a solemn occasion

We are to remember what the Lord did for us

The bread – His body that lived a perfect life and suffered death on the cross

The cup – His blood that sealed the covenant to wash away our sins

We are to partake to satisfy our spirit

Spiritual gifts 1 Cor. 12 (also chp 14 covers S.G.)

The Corinthians misused their spiritual gifts

They put rank on the gifts that they possessed

They took pride in the high ranking gifts and looked down on the low ranking gifts

Speaking in tongues was the highest ranking gift

This caused problems and divisions in the church

Paul instructs the proper use of spiritual gifts

They all come from God through the Holy Spirit

There are many gifts but only one over all, purpose

The body has many members with different functions but work together for one purpose

There are many spiritual gifts with different functions but work together for one purpose

purpose of edifying the body, building it up
using it for pride and glory to themselves

OT sealed by
covenant of rituals,
this covenant was sealed
by Christ's blood

speaking in
tongues - high
ranking

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Memory Verse: Romans 1:16

Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 11:17-12:31

Questions

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

1. Is it ok to take a brother or sister in Christ to court?
2. What if the brother or sister in Christ stole from you?
3. What would other people in your town think if two Christians were taking each other to court?
4. What should Christians be able to do?
5. In verse 7, what is it better to do and why?

1 Corinthians 11

1. Give scripture regarding the Lords supper. Be ready to discuss in class.
2. What did it represent? How are Christian's to observe the Lords supper?
3. If someone is not a Christian, what or how should you act when others are partaking in the Lords supper?
4. What did the Corinthians do wrong when they came together?
5. In verse 28, how can a man examine himself?
6. Explain verse 34.

1 Corinthians 12

1. How were spiritual gifts to be used?
2. What did the Corinthians do with the spiritual gifts?
3. What was the highest-ranking spiritual gift?
4. Where did the spiritual gifts come from?
5. What would you say to someone who believes a person can speak in tongues today?