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1 Corinthians 11: 23, 24 *"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed took bread, 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.'"*

1 Corinthians 11: 27 *"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord."*

In his letter to them Paul berates the Corinthians for making a mockery of the celebration of communion in their church. He alleges in effect that they rush, jostle and drink without consideration of each other or others who may be poor, disabled or low in status. *"Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!"*, he says v.22 (part).

We might think the taking of bread and the drinking of wine in a communion service is a meaningless act of ritual. Not so. We should treat it with reverence and thanksgiving for it is the key to recognising Jesus's sacrifice for us on the cross thereby allowing us to redeem our 'manifold sins and wickednesses'.