

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 04 March 2018..... 1Cor 1-3 .....United in Christ
- 2) 11 March..... 1Cor 4-6 ..... Glorifying God
- 3) 18 March..... 1Cor 7 ..... Keeping Commitments
- 4) 25 March..... 1Cor 8-10 ..... Influencing for Christ
- 5) 01 April..... 1Cor 15-16; John 20:3-9..... Assurance of the Resurrection
- 6) 08 April..... 1Cor 11..... Remembering the Sacrifice**
- 7) 15 April..... 1Cor 12 & 14 ..... Serving God's People
- 8) 22 April..... 1Cor 13 ..... Understanding Love
- 9) 29 April..... 2Cor 1-2 ..... Enjoying God's Comfort
- 10) 06 May..... 2Cor 3-4 ..... Displaying the Gospel
- 11) 13 May..... 2Cor 5-7 ..... Becoming New
- 12) 20 May..... 2Cor 7-9 ..... Giving Faithfully
- 13) 27 May..... 2Cor 10-13 ..... Finding Strength

**INTRODUCTION**

- This chapter is frequently quoted during the Communion service, "Take, eat & drink in remembrance of me" – BUT there is so much more to be gleaned from this principle-packed chapter
- Not only do we deal with the Communion aspect, but also with cultural issues, dying before one's time because of sin, and how "approved" people, like cream, rise to the top during times of distress

Passage	Comments
1Cor 11:1-2	<p><b>Praise for Remembering Things</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. "Be imitators of me as I am of Christ." Can we confidently tell others to mimic us → Do what I do, say what I say, go where I go, watch what I watch?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If no one else does, our kids definitely mimic us, and without even being told to do so</li> <li>♦ Which leaders are worth emulating in our church?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v2a. Finally, Paul praises these immature believers for something → for remembering him "in everything" What would this be? Maybe Paul set up their Sunday School program, collection of offerings, weekly worship practice, outreach to widows, etc. What else?</li> <li>• v2b. What are the "traditions" Paul passed on to these believers? We are not explicitly told what these traditions are, so we cannot be dogmatic about them.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Catholics believe it was the tradition of their Mass, the recital of rote prayers, &amp; other liturgical practices</li> <li>♦ All Christians subscribe to the establishment of church officers (Elders &amp; Deacons); the practice of communion (be it weekly, monthly, or quarterly), &amp; supporting the weak/poor ....Acts 20:31, 35; Gal 2:10</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:3-34	<p><b>Cultural issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv3-15. On the surface, this passage conveys that women and head covering is cultural. It is not a shame in most modern societies for a woman to be bald. It may be odd &amp; even funny to some, but not shameful                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ There is an underlying doctrinal aspect → that of appropriate submission to God-ordained headship: God → Christ → Man (husband) → Woman (wife); God → Christ → Elders → Church.....Heb 13:17 God → Christ → Govt → Society .....Rom 13:1 God → Christ → Parents → Children.....Eph 6:1</li> <li>♦ What happens if this headship is not respected?</li> <li>♦ What if the order is reversed (usurped authority)?</li> <li>♦ What if the Govt or the Elders or the husband or a parent is wicked? Should we obey unconditionally?</li> <li>♦ Consider how Peter disobeyed the authorities. He would not do something unbiblical, but would rather suffer the consequences (jail or death) ...Act 5:28-29</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v16. "If anyone wants to argue about this, we have no other custom, nor do the churches of God" (HCSB)                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ IOW, to argue about God's order is fruitless</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

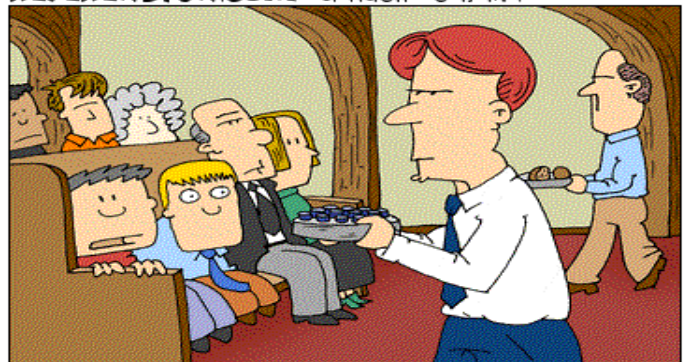
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	<p><b>Cream Rises to the Top</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv17-19. Disunity &amp; heresies can be a good thing. Without problems we wouldn't know who the good ones are since creams rises to the top after churning                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Often times when a church goes through severe problems (e.g., immorality or false teachings among the leadership) many good people leave</li> <li>♦ But there are times when a mature individual, who may not be a church leader, takes a biblical stand, or expounds sound teaching, which brings reason and holds a church together..... Ecc 9:15</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:20-34	<p><b>Dying Early</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v30. "That's why many of you are listless and sick, and others have gone to an early grave" [MSG]                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Here in this passage, sickness &amp; death was a result of a flippant disregard for what is sacred &amp; holy</li> <li>♦ God has the right to take us home early if we defile His holiness .....1Cor 3:17; 5:5</li> <li>♦ Is this still happening in churches today?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
One Time Occurrences of Severe Discipline Noted in the Bible	<p><b>God Sometimes Invoked a Punishment Only Once as an Example for Others to Take Note and Beware</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who committed idolatry in violation of Commandments #1 &amp; #2 were slain ..... Exodus 32</li> <li>• A man cursed God in violation of Commandment #3 and was stoned ..... Lev 24:11-16</li> <li>• A man picked up fire wood on the Sabbath in violation of Commandment #4 and was stoned ....Num 15:32-35</li> <li>• Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Church and died immediately at Peter's feet ..... Acts 5:1-11</li> <li>• Some Corinthians took lightly the communion table and they got sick and some even died.....1Cor 11:30</li> <li>• <b>Exception.</b> Aaron made an idol in violation of Commandment #2 and escaped the death penalty. HOW? Through intercessory prayer from his brother, Moses .....Deut 9:20                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Intercessory prayer saves lives .....1John 5:16</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- If we know God's word sufficiently we can easily & rightly address the various cultural issues of today from tattoos to social media addiction; from same sex marriages to roles of men & women in the church, in marriage, and in society; and discerning a healthy & vibrant church.
- Now, who are the ones who know God's word sufficiently?

**NEXT WEEK: 1Cor 12 & 14.** Gifts within the church. What gift(s) do you have? What gifts exist today – some, all, or none? How can we tell? Are there other gifts? (see Rom 12 and Eph 4)

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