

SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 26:26–29*

'The Examination and Explanation of the Lord's Table'

I. The Problem

1 Corinthians 11:17–22

- A. Paul's Exasperation (v:17–19)
- B. Their Extravagance (v:21^a)
- C. Paul's Exploitation (v:20–21^b) *1 Corinthians 4:7*
- D. Paul's Exposure (v:22) *James 2:1–6*

II. The Precedent

1 Corinthians 11:23–25

- A. The Explanation (v:23) *Matthew 26:26–39*
- B. The Exemplification (v:24–25)
 - The Bread (v:24) *John 6:31–40*
 - The Blood (v:25) *1 Peter 1:18–19, Hebrews 9:12–14*

III. The Purpose

1 Corinthians 11:26, 28

To make us look:

- A. Backward (v:26^a) *Galatians 6:14*
- B. Inward (v:28) *Acts 24:16*
- C. Forward (v:26) *Titus 2:13*
- D. Outward (v:26) *2 Corinthians 5:20*

IV. The Punishment

1 Corinthians 11:27, 29–30

- A. The Exclusion (v:27) *1 John 1:9*
- B. The Exhortation (v:29–30) *1 John 5:16–17*

V. The Pursuits

- A. The Exclamation (v:31–32) *Matthew 7:5*
- B. Paul's Expectation of them (v:33)
- C. Paul's Exhortation to them (v:34)