

Sunday School Notes

April 5, 2020 Spiritual gifts are given for the common good.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Compare: 1 Corinthians 1:4-7 and Hebrews 2:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:13-16; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Spiritual gifts and how they are expressed in people are likened to the parts and functions of our physical bodies that were created in the image of God.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:13-27. Compare: Romans 1:11-12, Romans 12:3-5, and 1 Corinthians 7:7.

Just like without an eye, a hand, an arm, or not being able to hear we are considered handicapped, so is the body of Christ handicapped if one of us doesn't use our gifts for the common good of the church.

Some titles of gifting

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:28-31 Compare: Romans 12:6-8 and Ephesians 4:11-16

March 29, 2020 Examining ourselves before the Lord's Supper.

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Last week we highlighted:

The discord that was going on in the Corinthian Church (1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:1-9 and 11:17-19) and a similar dispute that occurred immediately after Jesus shared the bread and wine with the 12 Apostles (Luke 22:24-30). Jesus settled the dispute of "who was the greatest among his disciples" by example. He washed the apostle's feet as recorded in John 13:2-17. He showed them it wasn't about who is the greatest but about how we can serve and refresh others.

We looked at the spirit and tenor of the Passover meal and the Lord's Last Supper with his Apostles which are both precursors of the present day communion service. Therefore a similar tone and tenor should be present in our celebration of the Lord's Last Supper. The focus of the communion service should not be participation with the intent of getting well-fed (1 Corinthians 11:20-22 and 33-34) but that of examining of ourselves realizing the cost of our salvation through the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let's read again 1 Corinthians 11:26-31 **Ramifications of eating the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner.** Matthew 5:23-26 (getting things right quickly); Proverbs 28:13-14* James 5:16 (confess); 1 John 1:8-10 (Oreo verses) Hebrews 12:14-16 (bitter root) → Job 5:2 (resentment and envy); Job 36:13a (godless heart); Proverbs 19:11 (overlooking an offense); Proverbs 14:30 (envy rots the bones); Ephesians 4:31 (Get rid of); Hebrews 3:12-13 and Hebrews 10:24-25 (importance of fellowship); James 3:14-15 (bitter envy and selfish ambition); James 4:1-3 (cause of fights); Hebrews 10:26-31 (continuing in our sin)
Bible Examples: Genesis 4:1-8 and 1 John 3:12 (Cain's sin); Mark 6:17-20 (nursing grudges)

March 22, 2020 Learning about the Lord's Supper.

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1 Corinthians 11:17-19 Paul again, addresses his concerns about divisions. Compare 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.
1 Corinthians 11:20-22 What should the spirit and tenor of the communion service be? What does the question in verse 20 mean to you? Is it to be a time of feasting and disorder? Should the focus be on filling our stomachs (see verse 22)? See Paul's closing comments 1 Corinthians 11:33-34. Also 1 Corinthians 10:14-16, 21-22.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 What was the setting in which the Lord's supper originally celebrated (verse 23)? Also, let's look at the setting, the spirit and tenor of the first Passover in Exodus 12:1-13.