

*Sincere Remembrance*  
*1 Corinthians 11:17-34*

*"Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'Ye were bought at a price', and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God." Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

- I. Koinonia is a very important part of our relationship with one another as brothers and sister in Christ. Jesus takes how we treat one another, his body, very seriously. When we sin against one another and treat his body poorly, we sin against the one who gave his life for our salvation.

1 Cor. 11:17-22

Matt. 28:19

Luke 22:19-20

Acts 2:42

1 Thess. 2:4

***Philippians 2:1-2*** *1Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing (koinonia) in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.*

*Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. Koinonia's primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common, communion." The first occurrence of koinonia is Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. That is the essence of koinonia. gotquestions.org*

- II. Communion connotes closeness, intimacy and unity. When we partake of the ordinance of communion, we his covenant people preach Christ's gospel of grace, mercy and forgiveness to one another. To take of his body means that we look to him daily for our spiritual sustenance. And to drink of his blood means that we keep our consciences cleansed through repentance. We must make sure we never lose our gratitude and appreciation for what Christ has done for us.

1 Cor. 11:23-26

Ps. 34:20

Ex. 12:46

John 6:51-54

Jer. 31:31-34

*"In the margin of many Bibles you will find, 'This do for the remembrance of me.' When we meet around the Lord's table in the company of His people, we are doing not only what the Lord commanded us to do, but what He has asked us to do in case we forget Him. As a Friend he asks for the fellowship of His friends, as a love asks for communion of the one who loves him." Redpath*

- III. Sincere remembrance of the cross at communion requires having a truthful heart before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a time set aside by the Lord for us to make sure we are right before him through heart-searching self-examination regarding sin. It is an opportunity for us to repent and be purified from all unrighteousness. Otherwise, we put ourselves in a position to be disciplined by him for our own spiritual wellbeing.

1 Cor. 11:27-34

*1 John 1:6-7,9 6If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*