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## Self-examination before the Lord's Supper

### Introduction

- The ordinances in the Church which lose their spiritual meaning become idols —  
eg) The brazen serpent (2 Ki 18:4).
- The Gospel writers narrate the **history** of the institution of the **Last Supper** —

Apostle Paul gives the **spiritual** meaning of the Last Supper which he calls as the **Lord's Supper**.

To understand its full meaning,  
we must put one over the other.

- The main preparation to participate in the Lord's Supper is SELF-EXAMINATION —  
1 Cor 11:28

### What to examine —

#### 1. Examine your relationship with one another.

1 Cor 11:17-21

- Despising others (vv22,23)  
Each person is a precious member of the Body of Christ.  
*"Eye cannot say to the hand"* (1 Cor 12:20,21)
- Rivalling with one another  
Lk 22:20-26
- Doing tit-for-tat  
Jn 18:10,11  
Reconcile with one another.  
One bread, therefore one body.

#### 2. Examine your relationship with the Lord.

1 Cor 11:23 ... *"the same night in which He was betrayed."*

- How about your prayer life?  
The disciples disappointed Jesus in Gethsemane.
- Are you regular in Bible meditation?  
The Bible is God's very Word  
vv23 ... *"... what I received from the Lord ..."*
- Do you remember the Lord in all your ways?  
vv24,25 ... *"In remembrance of Me"*  
Walking in conscious fellowship with God.

#### 3. Examine your relationship with the world.

(1 Cor 11:32)

- Do you live a separated life from the filth of the world?  
1 Cor 10:21,22  
Works of darkness
- Do you shamelessly testify for the Lord before the world?  
— Peter's failure  
— If we are ashamed before the world ... Mk 8:38

### Conclusion

This self-examination is a serious matter —  
1 Cor 11:28-31 ... *sickness ... death ...*