

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## Shades of Communion 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- I. Red: Angry, Self-Centered and Shallow (vs. 17-22)
  - A. They're together, but not for unity (vs. 17-18)
    - 1. The "Communion" is self centered, fractious, crushing, toxic
    - 2. The instructions Paul is giving isn't next level, it's first level. (1 Cor 3:1-4)
  - B. They're convinced, but not for edification (vs. 19)
    - 1. Be convinced. There will be division because you have to stand for something
      - a. Stand in oneness not syncretism (Eph 4:1-6)
      - b. The cross and the work of Christ are essential to the Christian life (1 Cor 15:12-19)
    - 2. As leaders we are charged with your success (Eph 4:11-16)
      - a. Let yourselves be knit together.
      - b. You can't compete with me if I want you to win too
      - c. The Spirit equips all of us through His gifts (more on that next week)
  - C. They have tradition, but not for remembrance (vs. 20-22)
    - 1. Are you thankful for mercy or do you feel entitled? Are you a taker or a giver?
    - 2. Is there enough of God to go around? Should you fight for what you need?
- II. Purple: What the Prince has Done (vs. 23-26)
  - A. He breaks Himself for us (vs. 23-24)
    - 1. He stands for Truth yet was betrayed and abandoned (Matt 26:47-56)
    - 2. Behold the Man with no fault (John 19:1-12a)
  - B. He bleeds for us (vs. 25)
    - 1. He brings us life (John 6:53-71)
    - 2. Once and for all the debt is paid (Heb 10:11-25)
  - C. Share what He has done for us (vs. 26)
    - 1. He did it on purpose, knowing the cost (John 10:11-18)
    - 2. You have life, and can share that life with others (John 20:30-31)
- III. White: Be Purified (vs. 27-34)
  - A. Examine yourself (vs. 27-30)
    - 1. What's He done for you? What are you guilty of? What's He saved you from?
    - 2. Be serious and intentional about your own life in Christ (Gal 6:1-5)
  - B. Judge yourself (vs. 31-32)
    - 1. Don't wait to be corrected. Be proactive
    - 2. Walk in light and truth (1 John 1:6-2:2)
  - C. Be a decent person that cares about others (vs. 33-34)
    - 1. Communion is about coming together to serve the King of kings.
    - 2. Anticipate joining together to honor what Jesus has done and continues to do.