“When Ye Come Together”
1 Cor. 11:17-21, 33-34; 14:23-26

Introduction:
A. Corinthians needed to learn how to behave when they came together in the church. (11:17)
   1. Had made it a time contention (11:18)
   2. Had made it a time of feasting (11:21,22).
   3. Had made it a time of condemnation (11:27, 34)
B. All Christians need to seriously consider their attitude and conduct “when ye come together.”

Discussion:
I. When Ye Come Together Remember The Purpose.
   A. It is to, like Israel’s of old, participate in a “solemn assembly” — not an ordinary meeting.
      1. The Lord is present in a special way (Matt. 18:20)
      2. The Lord is remembered in a special way (vv. 24, 25).
   B. It is to worship and honor God.
      1. Remember the death of His in Son in the Lord’s Supper.
      2. Return to Him some of what he has prospered us (1 Cor. 16:1,2).
      3. Praise and honor Him in song. (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19; 1 Cor. 14:15).
   C. It is to edify the church (14:5, 12, 17, 26).
      1. Each item of worship to this end.
      2. Preaching in all forms — reproof, rebuke, exhort — to this end.
II. When Ye Come Together Fulfill The Purpose.
   A. By proper preparation.
   B. By active participation.
      1. In each item of worship.
      2. One may lead, but all participate (cf. 14:16).
   C. By decent and orderly conduct. (14:40; 11:27).
   D. By leaving off contention and divisions (11:17-19).
   E. By leaving other matters in their place.
      1. A place for common meals — not in assembly (11:22, 34)
      2. A place for entertainment and recreation — not in assembly.
      3. A place for courtship and socializing — not in assembly.
      4. A place for private conversations — not in assembly.
      5. A place for homework and day planning — not in assembly.
      6. A place for Bible class preparation — not in assembly.

Conclusion:
A. Let us always remember why we are here.
B. Let us always remember the seriousness of desecrating this “solemn assembly.”