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⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for **the Promise of the Father**, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (*ref John 16:7*) ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

*The question Jesus was answering was “will you **at this time** restore the kingdom to Israel” That is, fulfill all the prophecies they were familiar with in the Scriptures they had (the Tanak). His answer to them was “do not concern yourself with that – but when you receive internal Spiritual empowerment – from the promised Holy Spirit who will come and abide **in** you, **then you will have the capacity** to be a true witness to Me, starting at Jerusalem and extending into all the world. This is your job and responsibility”*

John 14 ¹⁵ “If you love Me, ¹⁶ keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another ¹⁶Helper, that He may abide with you forever—** ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with you** and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; **I will come to you.**

John 7 ³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ **But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those ³⁹believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

Heb 11 ³⁹ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, **did not receive the promise,** (*singular*) ⁴⁰ God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

The Holy Spirit was working with individuals before – but after Jesus was glorified, it would dwell within them.

Eph 1 ¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is **the guarantee (deposit) of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Zech 4 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the LORD of hosts.

Col 1 ²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the ²⁶ stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God willed **to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** ²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Excellent work, and a sermon in the making! Thank you!

“Write a paragraph describing the surrounding context of 1 Corinthians 11:27-32”

The context is the Corinthian assembly being spiritually immature – and behaving in a selfish, carnal manner. This came to a head when they got together to observe the Lord’s supper. Paul briefly summarises what this is about and the reason they are to observe it in verses 23-26. He had previously told them that because of their attitude and approach to the occasion, their observance was a charade (v 20). They were not keeping the Lord’s supper if they went about it this way **because of how they were treating each other.** That is, not recognising that they all, regardless of economic or social status, are members of the Body of Christ. They failed to understand that partaking of the bread and wine **was symbolic of making that one-ness possible.** The focus of self-examination was on how they were behaving towards fellow members of the Body of Christ – and that they needed to discern and understand that Body before they took the symbols of Jesus’ sacrifice – **which sacrifice made it possible for there to be One Body.** In chapter 12, Paul proceeded to explain, to help them “discern the Lord’s body”.

Scriptures that give context copied below.

1 Cor 1 ¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all ^(a)speak the same thing, and *that* there be no ^(e)divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are ^(b)contentions among you. ¹² Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Cor 3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ for **you are still carnal.** For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and ^(a)behaving like mere men? ⁴ For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

1 Cor 11 ¹⁷ Now in giving these instructions I do not praise *you*, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For first of all, when you come together as an assembly church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. ¹⁹ For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be ^(b)recognized among you. (ref John 7:43) ²⁰ Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. ²¹ For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of *others*; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or **do you despise the church assembly of God and shame ^(c)those who have nothing?** What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise *you*.

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, ^(a)"Take, eat; this is My body which is ^(b)broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me." (I think the commas should not be there – "as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me" – is according as Jesus instituted it as a memorial "on the night He was betrayed" – that is the evening before the OC Passover)

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. (That is, annually, on the night He was betrayed, which was on the evening before the Passover day – the beginning of the 14th Aviv.)

²⁷ **Therefore** whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in **an unworthy manner** will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, **not discerning the Lord's body.** ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. (*Prov 3:11, Heb 12:5*)

³³ **Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.** (*partake of it together*)³⁴ But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

(Chapter 12)

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but **it is the same God who works all in all.** ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

¹² For as **the body is one and has many members**, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ **For in fact the body is not one member but many.**

¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now **God has set the members**, each one of them, in the body just as **He pleased.** ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body be?

²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unrepresentable *parts* have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But **God composed the body**, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, ²⁵ **that there should be no schism in the body, but *that the members should have the same care for one another.*** ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

²⁷ **Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.** ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (*this has to be referring to time sequence in the development of an assembly of God and Christ, rather than importance or rank – if one thinks on verses 20-24- also 1Cor 3:6 "I planted, Apollos watered but God gave the increase" – Paul was an apostle, Apollos was a teacher, Acts 18:25. Ref also Acts 13:1-)*²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

That way described in **Ch 13** – the driving motivation for using the gifts God imparts.

Ch 14 – how the Body of Christ is to operate and function together, and gifts used for edification at Sabbath meetings.

John 17 ²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for **those who will believe in Me through their word;** ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (*John 13* ³⁴ *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.* ³⁵ **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.** ") ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

An excellent study! Thorough, and a good exploration, supported by additional scriptures. Thank you Michael.

Jonah

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." ³ But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish (now called Cadiz, in Spain) from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah the son of Amittai was from Gath Hepher (2Kings 14:25) - traditionally associated with the modern site of el-Meshed – about 5km from Nazareth – which was in the land allotted to the tribe of Zebulun (the youngest son of Leah). His mission to Ninevah was around 760 BC – about 40 years before Assyria came against Israel, and took them captive (according to Bible timeline [Bible Timeline](https://biblehub.com/topical/g/gath-hepher.htm))

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***Isaiah 9** Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed,
As when at first He lightly esteemed
The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
And afterward more heavily oppressed her,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
In Galilee of the Gentiles.*

*² The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.*

Matt 2 ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. ²³ And he came **and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."**

John 7 ⁵⁰ Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, ⁵¹ "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

⁵² They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? **Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.**"

Like Jonah "He was despised and rejected by men". Jonah was an Israelite prophet - a descendant of the youngest son of Leah, Zebulun, whose inheritance was east of Galilee. He had preached to, and was instrumental in saving an enemy nation of Israel (and Judah) – bringing the enemy to repentance. It seems he was wiped off the list as far as the Jewish leadership were concerned – not considered worthy of being called a prophet, or recognised by them. They chose to ignore the Scripture that didn't fit their thinking – a bit like Martin Luther referred to the epistle of James as "an epistle of straw. In many ways Jonah was a type of Jesus, who was to bring salvation to the Nations as well as Israel and Judah.

Many signs were given to the "builders" – the leaders who rejected Jesus as Messiah.

John 7:31 And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"

A great number of the people believed in Him – but the leaders rejected all the signs He'd given them, and were hypocrites

John 11:47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. (*including raising the dead- a power that the devil could not impart*)

John 12:37 But although He had done so many signs before them, **they did not believe in Him,**

Matt 16 Then **the Pharisees and Sadducees** came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. ² He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; ³ and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' **Hypocrites!** You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot *discern* the signs of the times. ⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and **no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**" And He left them and departed.

The only sign to those who rejected Jesus was the prophet they despised and rejected.

Luke 11 ²⁹ And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and **no sign** will be given **to it** except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

³² The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and **condemn** it, *find it guilty* for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

Tarshish was a port, now called, Cadiz – out of the Mediterranean, past the straits of Gibraltar (on the Atlantic north S/W coast of Spain). About as far as Jonah could go by ships available at the time.

(Jonah ch1 continued)

⁴ But the LORD ^[a]sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.

⁵ Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that *was* in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. *(ref Mark 4:38)*

⁶ So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish."

⁷ And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble *has come* upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause *is* this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"

⁹ So he said to them, "I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry *land.*"

¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" **For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.** ¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"—for the sea was growing more tempestuous.

¹² And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me."

¹³ Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they cried out to

the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please **do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood**; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You." ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows.

¹⁷ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Consider the Scriptures below, with what I've emphasised in the first chapter of Jonah. I see a great deal of connections. Jonah's subsequent attitude reflected the general attitude of the Jews (circumcised) towards the Gentiles – not rejoicing that salvation was now available to them – but resenting it, and feeling "it's just not fair that these sinners should be spared!" (converted Jews rejoiced)

John 11 ⁴⁹ And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ nor do you consider that **it is expedient for ^{us} that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.**" ⁵¹ Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

Matt 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather **that a tumult was rising**, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it*."

Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Acts 2 ²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³ **Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God**, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ **whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.**

Acts 3 ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when **he was determined to let Him go.**

Acts 4 ²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: (*Ps 2*)

'Why did the nations rage,

And the people plot vain things?

²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand,

And the rulers were gathered together

Against the LORD and against His Christ.'

²⁷ "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ **to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.**