

1 Corinthians 10-14

The Book of 1 Corinthians uses the key word "brethren" 41 times.
It is all about the family of the Lord.

1 Corinthians chapter 10 through 14 is all about meeting to worship.

1Co 10v16-17 "Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body ; for we all partake of the one bread."

1Co 11v23-29 "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread ; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly."

1Co 12v3 "Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed" ; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit."

1Co 13v12 "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face ; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known."

1Co 14v37 "If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment."

Within this immediate context of chapter 10 through 14 we have a most wonderful text that is often overlooked because we focus on head coverings or silence.
All these instructions are important, but there is one that is vital !

1Co 10v21-17 "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons ; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy ? We are not stronger than He, are we ?"

Separation from the world is essential !

Remember vs 16-17 where it is clear that we are talking about the breaking of bread and the drinking of the cup.

This is the Table of the Lord... and a very sacred one !

He wants ALL OUR DEVOTION, not just a token on Sunday morning.

When we take the Bread, we are saying we are TOTALLY His.

It is the celebration of the New Covenant into which we have entered.

In French, the word for Covenant is the same as the word for a wedding ring... we are holding up our wedding ring and praising Him.

Can we be the Bride of Christ and the girlfriend/boyfriend of the world ?

CONSECRATING time and energy that belongs to the Lord to worldly pleasures is WORSHIP of those things.

The Lord is jealous of our love.

The Table of the Lord is a reminder of how much we are loved and how much He desires are love !