

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

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**Title:** TABLE MANNERS

**Main Text:** I Cor 10:1-22

**Sermon Description:** The cavalier attitude of the Corinthian church evident in their approach to communion (the Lord's table) prompted sobering exhortation from the apostle. He poses the questions in verse 22: "Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?" If our indolence and pride are so easily blinding, we would do well to submit to this reorienting admonition to the church. How do we measure up in or reverence for the event of communion considering the fear worthy of these historical parallels: The red sea deliverance, the protective/guiding cloud of glory, the miraculous provision in the wilderness wanderings, and the sweeping and immediate judgements for disobedience?

**HEADING: A COMPLACENT CHURCH MUST BE REMINDED THAT COMMUNION IS...**

**1. A CATEGORICAL EVENT** (I Cor 10:1-5)

- a. Doorposts (Ex 12:29-30) b. Red Sea (Ex 14:26-30) c. (Num 21:1-6) d. (Num 25:1-9) e. (Rev 20:13-15)

**2. AN ESCHATALOGICAL LANDMARK** (I Cor 10:1-11)

- a. Destiny of man b. Lighthouse: welcome and warning

**3. A WAY OF ESCAPE** (I Cor 10:12-15)

- a. Humility of communion b. Distancing from evil c. Reasonable = discerning

**4. A RITE OF IDENTIFICATION** (I Cor 10:16)

- a. Pictures of Union (John 6, 15, I Cor 10:2) b. Covenant head Christ

**5. A CONFESSION OF TRANSCENDING UNITY** (I Cor 10:17-18)

- a. No table, no church b. Didache blessing...

**6. A FEAST OF DEMARCATION** (I Cor 10:19-22)

- a. Cultural antithesis b. Table and cup of demons c. The seat of...

**CONCLUSION:** From Ex 12 to Rev 19... Today we witness and commemorate the eternal legacy of this redemptive continuum if our Lord's table manners represents a participation in the blood and body of Christ!

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Theme:</b> Door posts & sea	<b>Theme:</b> Covenant disobedience	<b>Theme:</b> Landmark	<b>Theme:</b> Escape and Identity	<b>Theme:</b> Transcending unity	<b>Theme:</b> demarcation
<b>Verses:</b> Ex 12:29-30, 14:26-30	<b>Verses:</b> Num 21:1-6, 25:1-9	<b>Verses:</b> I Cor 10:6-11	<b>Verses:</b> I Cor 10:12-16	<b>Verses:</b> I Cor 10:17-18	<b>Verses:</b> I Cor 10:19-22