

2. Going without a spirit of love in our hearts to one another.
3. Going in a proud spirit, and making distinction where Jesus has made none.
4. Going without any due regard to the meaning of Christ's death, as an atonement for sin, and with no sense of our need of that atonement.
5. Going with a heart that has not been cleansed by the blood of Christ.

Such are "guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." "To insult the flag is to insult the country. To insult the Supper is to insult Christ. It is to say that He and His death are of no consequence."

Hence, those who would worthily partake must examine themselves. The Shorter Catechism says, "It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience, lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves."

They do not examine themselves as to worthiness in a *legal* sense. The most advanced Christian has no merit of his own to plead as worthiness. The Lord's Table is no place for self-satisfaction, or self congratulation. "What have we that we have not received?"

Nor do they examine themselves as to their standing before God. The Lord's Supper was instituted only for those who have received Christ as their Saviour and are already the children of God. And such are not called upon to ask themselves if they are truly saved. To ask such a question is to doubt the promises of God; it is to dishonor Christ who assures them that all who trust Him are saved. What, then, is the self examination enjoined? It refers rather to our *condition* than our *standing*, more to our *enjoyment* of Christ than our *faith* in Christ.