

## LOVE FEAST

Introduction – The early church usually had a common meal in conjunction with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which they called a love feast (Jude 12). The earliest account of this is found in the 1 Corinthians.

- A. The congregation in Corinth was full of new converts from different social backgrounds, which resulted in community conflict.

1 Corinthians 11:20-22

- B. The words of Jesus at his last meal are the pattern for our gatherings on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:2).

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- C. Recognizing the Body of Christ in our assemblies is essential to our salvation.

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

Conclusion – We gather every Sunday because of Jesus and the example of the early church. Today we are creating a similar context of a common meal (love feast).

### Discussion Questions

1. How does the context of a common meal contrast with our usual celebration of the Lord's Supper?
2. What encourages you most when we gather as a congregation each week?
3. What would you ask for your brothers and sisters to pray about for you?