1 Corinthians – “One In Christ”

 Session #11 – Chapter 11 - “Guidelines for God-pleasing Worship”

A. REVISITING OUR PREVIOUS STUDY: 1 Corinthians 1-10

C1 –4: The Gospel message of the cross is the basis for unity in the

 Church and the credentials of an Apostle.

C5 – 10: Unity of faith around the Gospel message guides the way

 followers of Christ live the message together. Self-discipline

 guides the choices that balance rights, freedom and behavior.

 Such choices foster unity in the Church, and also provide help

 in resisting temptation to make choices detrimental to unity.

B. OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION – Chapter 11

 “Guidelines for God-pleasing Worship”

1. See the relationship between cultural mores and worship practices.

2. Understand the meaning of “worthy” reception of Holy Communion.

C. READ THE WORD – 1 Corinthians 11 – *New International Version*

D. STUDY THE WORD – “Guidelines for God-pleasing Worship”

1. PART1: V 1-16 – God-pleasing worship follows Christ’s example.

 Key Verse: 3 – The significance of “headship” in following Christ.

a. What is the definition of “headship”?

b. Why is “headship” significant in relation to worship practices?

c. How does “headship” function as a choice guiding principle?

2. PART2: V17-34 – God-pleasing Communion honors Christ’s teaching.

 Key Verse: 23 – “I received from the Lord what I passed on to you.”

a. What is the essence of Communion?

b. Why is accurate belief about Communion significant in receiving it?

c. What constitutes “worthiness” to receive Communion?

E. THE WORD FOR ME

Making choices about what constitutes God-pleasing worship follows Christ’s example and operates on the basis of the principle of headship. This same principle also applies to proper receiving of Holy

Communion following Christ’s teaching about the Sacrament.