











1 Corinthians 11.20-26 (NIV)

²⁰So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²²Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Introduction

1 Corinthians 11.20-26 shows us that if we live in the already-but-not-yet:

1. We should expect failure
2. Our failure is not fatal
3. We are 'under construction'

1 Cor 4.8 (NIV)

⁸Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign—and that without us! How I wish that you really had begun to reign so that we also might reign with you!

Under Construction

- Our anticipation of the 'not yet' drives our participation in the 'already'.
- Our participation in the 'already' guarantees our participation in the 'not yet'.
- Jesus didn't sacrifice so we don't need to sacrifice; Jesus sacrificed so that when we sacrifice we'd become like Him!

Conclusion

If we live in the already-but-not-yet we should constantly be 'under construction'.

We are under construction through our participation in the past and our anticipation of the future.






