

The Lord's Supper

Understanding its significance

Introduction

- Many doctrinal controversies surround the Lord's supper
- Focus of this lesson not on these controversies but on the significance of the supper
- Simply examine the Scriptures to be sure we are observing the supper with the proper attitudes and behavior we should to please the Lord

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Christians Partake of The Lord's Supper Every Sunday

Act 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

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Must Worship In Spirit and In Truth

Joh 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Joh 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Commemoration – Remembering Jesus' Death

Mat 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Mat 26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

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Commemoration – Remembering Jesus' Death

Luk 22:19 And when He had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Luk 22:20 And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.

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Communion – Sharing Together In His Body and Blood

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

1Co 10:15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.

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Communion – Sharing Together In His Body and Blood

1Co 10:16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

1Co 10:17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

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Proclamation – Belief In Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

1Co 11:17 But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse.

1Co 11:18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it.

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Proclamation – Belief In Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

1Co 11:19 For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

1Co 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, 1Co 11:21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

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Proclamation – Belief In Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

1Co 11:22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

1Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

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Proclamation – Belief In Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

1Co 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1Co 11:25 In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

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Proclamation – Belief In Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

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Anticipation – Look Forward To Jesus’ Coming Again

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Anticipation – Look Forward To Jesus’ Coming Again

1Th 5:1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

1Th 5:6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

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Dedication – Examine Ourselves

1Co 11:27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

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Dedication – Examine Ourselves

1Co 11:29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

1Co 11:30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

1Co 11:31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

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Dedication – Examine Ourselves

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

1Co 11:33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

1Co 11:34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come.

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Dedication of Old Covenant In Blood

Exo 24:7 Then he took the book of the covenant and read *it* in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

Exo 24:8 So Moses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

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