

The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread



- Instituted by the LORD Himself
- Synoptic Gospels
 - Matthew 26: vs. 26-29
 - Mark 14: vs. 22-25
 - Luke 22: vs. 19-20
 - Matthew say's "Drink ye all of it"
 - Mark say's "They all drank of it"
 - All --- the eleven Disciples

- Eleven
- “Judas went out” John 13: 30
- Luke’s Gospel looks at things in a moral order

(see Luke 22:24-25 with Mark 10:42)
- Mark’s Gospel is more the chronological order

- If we only had the Gospel account we might question whether we should continue.
- But read 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29
- Paul was a chosen vessel by the Lord

- Gospel - Romans
- Assembly – Christ and the Church - Ephesians
- The Lord's Coming - Thessalonians
- The Lord's Supper - 1 Corinthians

- Need to distinguish between the mentions of the Breaking of Bread in the Scriptures:
 - Acts 2: 42
 - Acts 20: 7

 - Acts 2: 46 "did eat their meat"
 - Acts 20: 11 "and eaten"
 - Acts 27: 34-35 "meat for your health"

- “if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he said” (2 kings 5:13)
- “this do in remembrance of me” (1Cor.11:24)
- It’s only bread and wine, and never anything other than bread and wine.
- The Bread is a picture of the Lord’s body.
- The Wine (Cup) a picture of His precious blood.
- In “eating this bread, and drinking the cup, we show the Lord’s death TILL HE COME” (1 Cor. 11: 26)

- The Supper is not a matter of Gift – 1 Cor.12
- The Supper is our **AFFECTION FOR CHRIST**
- Paul speaking to our affections say's: "The night in which he was betrayed" (1 Cor.11:23)
- The Supper is not a commandment - "this do" not "do this" (see Matthew 8:9)
- But if we love the Lord who would not respond as if it was a commandment?

- It is not for:
 - a) Teaching the Bible
 - b) Praying for our needs
 - c) Preaching to the unsaved
 - d) For Mutual Fellowship

It is for **Worship** and **Thanksgiving**

“Eat this bread, and drink this cup of the LORD”

(1 Cor.11:27)

- Unworthily?
- No person in themselves is worthy
- But all Christians are worthy because of the work of our Lord.
- We can eat and drink in a unworthy manner, not discerning the Lord’s body.
- We must judge ourselves before the meeting and then partake of this supper.

- When should we do this?
 - 1) Till He comes
 - 2) Acts 20:7 “First day of the week, when the disciples came together to Break bread”
 - 3) Lord’s Supper 1 Cor. 11:20 and Lord’s day Rev. 1:10

- If the table be spread upon any narrower principle than that which would embrace the whole body of Christ, it is become a sectarian table

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- The Collection for the saints (1Cor.16:1) and the Lord's supper seem to have been on the same day.
- Hebrews 13:15 "sacrifice of praise to God continually"
- Hebrews 13:16 "to do good and to communicate forget not: such sacrifices God is well pleased"
- 2 Kings 12:9 "Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid, and set it beside the alter, on the right side of it"
- 1 Cor.16:1 -
 - a) Regular – First day of the week
 - b) Individual – every one of you
 - c) Systematic – lay by him in store
 - d) Proportionate – as he hath prospered you

Questions:

- a) Is what we give a "Sacrifice?"
- b) Is the only place to give the "Sunday morning meeting"?
- c) Is the collection on Sunday the best way to give?
- d) Is all the collection for the "Lord's work"?
- e) Is it only money that counts?