

"THE LORD'S SUPPER"

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

The Lord Jesus Christ instituted two ordinances for His church. They are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both of these give the church the opportunity to publicly profess our faith in the Lord Jesus and in the gospel. And what is the gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3–4... For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

Baptism does not play a role in the actual salvation of the person. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. Our Lord commands every believer to be baptized . . .

Matthew 28:19... "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

During His last Passover meal in the upper room with His disciples, Jesus initiated the Lord's Supper observance. He told His disciples. . .

Luke 22:19–20... 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." **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.

Jesus taught His disciples that He was about to sacrifice His body and offer His blood in order that sinners might be forgiven and so they might receive the free gift of eternal life. The Lord laid out a fresh new way to honor Him through the "*Lord's Supper.*" In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul recorded the remarkable words that Jesus

revealed to him—"Do this in remembrance of Me."

Today I want to call your attention to three thought-provoking verbs that capture the essence of a proper and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper. First, consider the word. . .

1. REMEMBER

1 Corinthians 11:23–24...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; **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."

What are we to remember?

A.) Remember Christ's Body

The eternal Son of God was incarnated with a real body. He was savagely beaten and pierced through because of our sins.

Isaiah 53:5–6... But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. **6** All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

1 Peter 2:24...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

We must also...

B.) Remember Christ's Blood

1 Corinthians 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."*

Jesus shed His precious blood for us. . .

Exodus 12:13... "The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and

when I see the blood I will pass over you,
and no plague will befall you to destroy
you when I strike the land of Egypt."

Ephesians 1:7... In Him we have
redemption through His blood, the
forgiveness of our trespasses, according
to the riches of His grace

To honor the Lord Jesus, we must REMEMBER.
Then, we must...

2. REPENT

1Corinthians 11:27–32...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. **28** But a man must
examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of
the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For he who
eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to
himself if he does not judge the body rightly. **30**
For this reason many among you are weak and
sick, and a number sleep. **31** But if we judged
ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. **32**
But when we are judged, we are disciplined by

the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Repentance is crucial if we as believers are truly going to honor the Lord Jesus in our observance of the Lord's Supper this morning. You must...

A.) Repent of Your Sinful Conduct

Sin dishonors the Lord Jesus. . .

1 John 1:5–9...This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; **7** but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

You must also...

B.) Repent of Your Sinful Complacency

Complacency truly offends the Lord Jesus.

Revelation 3:15–16... "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. **16** So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth."

The Lord's Supper is not only something you do with your hands and your mouth; it's also something you do with your *HEART and SOUL*.

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to search our hearts for any sinful conduct and any sinful complacency so that we can truly honor the Lord. **[GIVE TIME FOR REPENTANCE]**

Are you truly thankful for your salvation? Our goal today is to honor the Lord Jesus Christ. We will accomplish that goal if you REMEMBER and you

REPENT. There's one more word I want us to consider this morning. You must also...

3. RENEW

1 Corinthians 11:26...For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

You must. . .

A.) Renew Your Commitment

When you repented of your sin and placed your faith in the Lord Jesus, you made a commitment to deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Him.

Matthew 24:13... "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved."

A true believer may have some ups and downs in his/her spiritual life, but they remain steadfast in their loyalty to the Lord and immovable in their convictions.

You must . . .

B.) Renew Your Confidence

1 Corinthians 11:26... For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Every time you gather with the church to participate in the Lord's Supper, you proclaim the glory of the cross! Furthermore, you demonstrate your confidence in the promise of our Lord to return. Paul wrote to the Thessalonian believers and encouraged them with these words...

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17...For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Revelation 21:3–4... And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, **4** and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

Hallelujah, our King will come again. He's going usher us into His presence where there is fullness of joy and endless pleasure! That's why we must never lose our confidence in God's ability to keep His promise to us.

INVITATION

To truly honor the Lord Jesus, He must be more than just a name to you and more than just one of many famous religious leaders.

- **Do you believe that Jesus is God?**
- **Do you believe that Jesus lived without sin?**

- **Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins?**
- **Do you believe that Jesus was raised to life?**
- **Is He your Savior and Lord?**
- **Are you devoted to Him?**
- **Have you received New Testament baptism?**

The Lord's Supper is a worship experience reserved for those who have committed their lives to Him. Will you receive Him as your Savior and Lord? Come to Jesus this morning.

Believer, will you search your heart for sinful conduct and sinful complacency and then confess it and forsake it? Come clean before the Lord this morning. Present yourself for baptism if you haven't done so since you were born again.

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PRAYER

"Our precious and gracious Lord, we praise You and we desire to honor You this morning. Thank you for giving us the privilege of observing the

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Lord's Supper. We ask that the Holy Spirit would use the bread and the juice to remind us of the cross and the price You paid to save us from our sins. Revitalize our hearts with a fresh passion for You and with a profound reverence for You. O Lord, make Your presence real to everyone in this church this morning."

Now, let's focus on the...

BREAD

The bread is a symbol of our Lord's body. Think about His love for you and His willingness to suffer on your behalf. Think about Jesus, the eternal Son of God, being slapped, spit upon, beaten, mocked, crowned with thorns, and crucified. With a heart of gratitude and praise, receive the bread.

JUICE

This grape juice represents the blood of Jesus that was shed to pay the penalty for your sin. Oh, how precious His blood is to us...

Romans 5:8–9...But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.

The juice in this cup should remind you that you are saved and forgiven because Jesus shed His blood to pay the penalty for your sin. With a heart of gratitude and praise, *drink the juice*.

REMEMBER! REPENT! RENEW! Honoring Jesus is our highest calling as believers and observing the Lord's Supper is one way we can do that. Let's close out this special worship moment by singing the Doxology...

SING "THE DOXOLOGY"