

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

(Parallel Passages: Matt 26:25-29; Mark 14:17-25; Luke 22:14-30; John 13:21-30)

INTRODUCTION:

The Lord's Supper is a reminder of the death of Christ and of its sacrificial character on our behalf, a symbol of our vital connection with the Lord and a testimony of His second coming. The Lord's Supper sets forth the message that salvation is by grace alone, on the merits of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and not by anything that we can do.

- "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).

Based on our text, The Lord's Supper is a time for: Remembrance, Proclamation, Fellowship, Self-Examination, Thanksgiving, and Expectation.

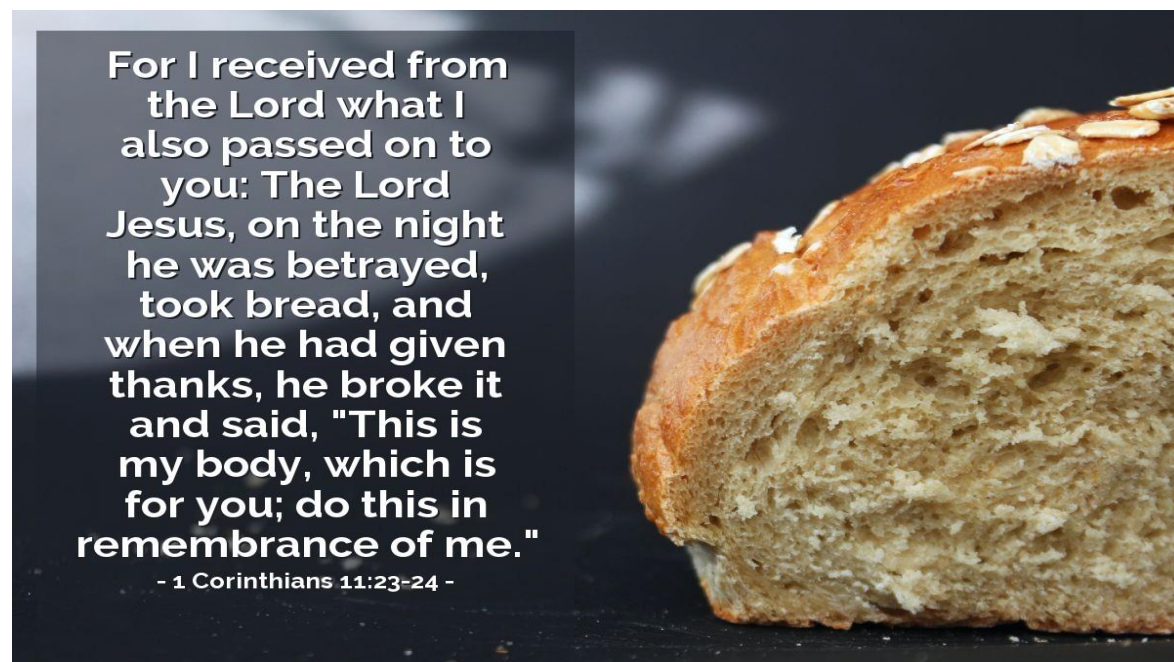
- I. **THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE** (vv. 23-25)
 - A. According to verse 23, Paul positively stated that Christ discussed The Lord's Supper with him in a special revelation (Matt 26:26-29).
 - B. Believers are commanded by Jesus to remember The Lord's Supper (vv. 24-25)
- II. **THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION** (v. 26)

"Show" means to proclaim, to make known, to announce

 - A. Proclaiming Christ's death is sharing the Gospel – Good News
 - B. Proclaiming Christ's death benefits us with the Good News of Eternal Life – Heaven is our home (Deut 32:3).
- III. **THE LORD SUPPER IS A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP** (vv. 33-34)
 - A. Paul used the phrase "Come Together" four times in 1 Cor 11:17-18, 20, 33 and "Come Not Together" once in 1 Cor 11:34.
 - B. Benefits of Fellowship – Unity
 - C. Genuine Christian Fellowship – Unity Glorifies God (1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17)
 - D. Our Fellowship is Two-Fold (1 John 1:1-4; 5-7)
- IV. **THE LORD'S SUPPER IS TIME FOR SELF-EXAMINATION** (vv. 27-32)
 - A. Paul is asking Believers to do a heart check before partaking in The Lord's Supper (v. 28; 1 John 1:9; 2 Cor 10:12-13).
 - B. "But let a man examine himself ..." (v. 28; Ps 139:1-5)
- V. **THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING** (v. 24)
 - A. Believers are thankful based on the finished work of Christ.
 - B. Biblical Reasons to Thank God (John 3:16; Ps 107:1; Rom 6:23; Eph 2:8-9; Heb 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16; Heb 10:24-25; Ps 105:1-3- Ps 145:8)
- VI. **THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A TIME OF EXPECTATION** (v. 26)
 - A. The Lord's Supper proclaims the Lord's death and the anticipation of His return (Second Coming of Christ).
 - B. "... until He comes ..." – The Lord's Supper is temporary in that we participate in it only until He comes (1 John 3:2-3).

CONCLUSION:

- A. When we participate in The Lord's Supper, it symbolizes the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf.**
- B. Children of God, Our Savior – Jesus Christ – has prepared His table for all who love Him and trust in Him for their Salvation.**
- C. “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).**
- D. ABC's of Salvation**
- **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
 - **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
 - **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).