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The LORD's Supper**Lesson 17**

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"What is the importance of the LORD's Supper in my life"

One of the ordinances that God has instructed us to keep is that of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper signifies many spiritual truths that apply to us as Christians today.

Although it does not play a part in our salvation, its importance is to act as a memorial of the death of

JESUS CHRIST

The purpose of this lesson is to acquaint the new Christian with what the Bible teaches about the Lord's Supper, its importance, and the attitude with which it should be celebrated and conducted.

- A. I Corinthians 11:26 says that *"..ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."* It is to bring to remembrance the death of the Lord Jesus Christ
 Luke 22:19 states *"...this do in remembrance of me."* It is intended to bring our attention back to what Christ has done for us.
1. Bought with a price: 1 Corinthians 6:20
 2. Justified by HIS Blood: Romans 5:9
 3. Reconciled to GOD Romans 5:10
 4. Sanctified by HIS offering: Hebrews 10:10
- B. We are told in I Corinthians 11:24 that His body was broken for us. Not only are we to remember His death, but also His suffering. HIS suffering was prophesied In the book of Job (the oldest book in the Bible) and many other Old Testament Books. The breaking of the bread, signifies HIS broken body as shown in Matthew 26:26.
1. Job 16:10-11
 2. Psalms 22
 3. Isaiah 53
- C. The blood, which is able to cleanse us from our sin and save our souls, is pictured in the cup from which we drink during communion. This blood was shed for us according to Mark 14:24 and the importance of the shedding of blood is stated in Hebrews 9:22.

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II. Am I Really Eating HIS Body and Drinking HIS Blood?

There are some religions, which teach that the body and blood of Christ are really consumed when they take communion, but that teaching is not scriptural.

- A. When Jesus Christ spoke of eating His flesh and drinking His blood in John 6:53-63, He was very careful to explain that He was not speaking literally. John 6:63 tells us that the words that Christ spoke unto them "are spirit." They were not to physically eat Him, but to spiritually "partake" of His life and death.
- B. The Jews were commanded in Leviticus 17:11-12 not to eat blood, for the blood is the life of the flesh. That is why the Jews in John 6:52 and verse 60 were confused with Christ's statements and they said "This is an hard saying." They were trying to apply what Jesus had said literally and physically. They thought He was teaching them to go against Old Testament scripture.
- C. Would Christ teach us to be cannibalistic? And if He did teach us that, how would we eat of His body today? He is risen from the dead and ascended to the Father. There is no body available to eat.

III. Who Should Participate In the Lord's Supper?

The passages of scripture that is used to teach the Lord's Supper was written to a church. I Corinthians 10:20 describes who should be the partakers of the LORD's supper.. As we learned in Lesson 1 there are two spiritual families born of planet Earth, those of GOD and those of the devil. Lost people (or children of the devil) are not included at the Lord's table because they are of the devil. In 1 Corinthians 11: 20-34 dictates how communion should be conducted, in verse 20 we see again why the lost person must not take part in the LORD's Supper.

In verse 32 we see the believer needs to judge himself or herself to see if there is any un-confessed sin in their life before meeting with the LORD at HIS table, or else they will suffer chastisement from the LORD. Hebrews 12:5-11

Many of us have lost loved ones, when those dates of their death arrive on the calendar, there is a certain unhappiness we feel towards their loss, we get real serious about their death and we take offense if others treat it lightly.

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Well, GOD feels the same way about HIS son, though HE has risen from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of GOD, GOD will never forget the horrible atrocious beating and suffering HIS Son had to endure on that cross of Calvary.

IV. Since the Lord' s Supper Is Important, How Often Should It Be Held?

The only instructions that God has given us concerning the frequency with which we have the Lord' s Supper is found in I Corinthians 11:25-26. In verse 25 it says "...as oft as ye drink it," and verse 26 states "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup...." indicating that it is decided by the church officers when the Lord' s Supper should be held. In the Acts 20:7 the disciples came together to break bread on the first day of the week. Other passages in the scriptures do not signify on what day this ordinance is to be celebrated.

V. How Should the Lord' s Supper Be Performed?

There are no explicit instructions on how to perform the Lord' s Supper. Unleavened bread should be used as in accordance with the Passover feast, which the Lord' s Supper typifies in Matthew 26:17 and Luke 22:1. Those believers who wish to participate should be allowed to do so, and as God wants all things done, it should be done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:40).

IV. In what Manner should the Lord' s Table be Approached ?

- A. **With fear and trembling:** Paul rebukes the Corinthians for taking this event lightly in I Corinthians 11:17-34. They had turned it into some kind of feast for satisfying one' s hunger rather than a time of remembering the Lord' s death. **This is a sacred time and it should be approached with a sacred attitude.**
- B. **With desire:** Jesus Christ desired to eat the Passover with His disciples (Luke 22:15). Although, the Lord' s table should be approached with reverence, a believer should look forward to the Lord' s Supper as a way of bringing his attention back to what Christ has done for him.
- C. **With a clean heart:** The Bible tells us to examine and judge ourselves (I Corinthians 11:28,31) when we partake of the Lord' s Supper. This examination and self-judging is to make sure that our relationship with God is right and that we do not participate "unworthily." as commanded

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in I Corinthians 11:27,29. Verse 30, of the same chapter, states that ' For this cause (drinking and eating unworthily) many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (died)."God chastises those that partake who are not clean before Him. The Lord' s Supper is a reminder that our sin was the reason for Christ giving His life for our salvation, and God wants us to be clean when we partake of the Lord' s Supper.

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Name _____

1. What are the three reasons for the Lord' s Supper being important?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
2. When we partake of the Lord' s Supper, we are actually eating Jesus' body and drinking His blood? True or False. Explain.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
3. Should everyone partake of the Lord' s Supper? What would biblically hinder a man from doing so?
4. Compare Job 16 and Ps 22, what verses are almost exactly alike?
5. Examine Isaiah 53, Who was responsible for sending CHRIST to the cross?
6. How often should the Lord' s Supper be celebrated, and what verses would you give to prove your answer?
7. Are there any specific instructions for conducting the Lord' s Supper? Yes or No (if you answer this question incorrectly, you are required to do the lesson again)

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8. What is the warning to the non-believer?

9. How should we approach the Lord' s Supper and list the scripture references which support your answers.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.

10. What are the key verses in this Lesson?

11. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson?

Key Memory Verses: Write these out on the back page John 6:63; I Corinthians 11:26; I Corinthians 11:28

True/False

1. The Lord' s Supper, or communion, has some mystical power to save.
2. A good person is allowed to participate in the LORD' s supper even if he is a lost man?
3. The elements of the Lord' s Supper are transformed into the literal body and blood of Christ.

Write any questions you may have concerning the subject in this lesson.