

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture Reading: 1Co 11:23-26

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Introduction:

1. There are many discrepancies concerning the procedure of the Lord's Supper.
2. We must keep the Lord's Supper according to the word of God.

I. THE EMBLEMS

A. THE UNLEAVENED BREAD

1. Represents the body of Christ -Mt 26:26
2. Sinlessness of Christ
 - a. Leaven was to be removed – Ex 12:15
 - b. Leaven often represents sin -1Co 5:7
 - c. Jesus lived a sinless life -He 4:15; 1Pe 2:22
3. His body broken for us
 - a. Jesus laid His life down for us -Mt 20:28
 - b. He is the Good Shepherd -Jn 10:15-18

B. THE FRUIT OF THE VINE

1. Represents the blood of Christ -Mt 26:27, 28
2. It was nonfermented
 - a. Leavening not permitted during Passover
 - b. There would be impurity in the cup representing the blood of Christ
 - c. It goes against the teachings of Jesus -Mt 6:13
3. His blood cleanses us from all sin -Heb 9:11-15

II. THE FREQUENCY

A. UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

1. Jesus was resurrected on Sunday -Mt 28:1; Mk 16:1; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1
2. Jesus met with His disciples on Sunday -Jn 20:19, 26
3. The church was established on Sunday
 - a. Pentecost took place 50 days after the Feast of Firstfruits -Le 23:15, 16
 - b. Pentecost is the day Peter preached the first gospel sermon -Ac 2:1-ff.
4. The church met on Sunday -Ac 20:7; 1Co 16:2

B. THE BREAKING OF BREAD

1. Compare and contrast (context determines the meaning) -Acts 2:42, 46
 - a. Communion -vs. 42
 - b. Common meal -vs. 46
2. Breaking bread: common meal or communion? -Ac 20:7
 - a. The disciples were coming together on the first day of the week for the purpose of breaking bread.

- b. If this was a common meal, any day of the week could have been used. They were already meeting throughout the week for common meals -Ac 2:46.

III. THE MEANING

A. WE SHOW THE LORD'S DEATH

- 1. The emblems the Lord chose as a memorial to Him have stood the test of time. They are simple, available, and they endure.
- 2. Other memorials can be torn down and destroyed. These cannot be destroyed.

B. WE EXAMINE OURSELVES

- 1. We focus on the death of our Lord and the representation of the emblems.
- 2. We examine ourselves to be right with God and our brethren.

C. WE LOOK AHEAD TO HIS RETURN

- 1. We know the Lord will return -1Th 4:13-18; 2Pe 3:10-13
- 2. Communion reminds us that He is coming again.

Conclusion:

- 1. As we partake, we do so in a worthy manner before God.
- 2. We examine ourselves.
- 3. We remember the Lord's death and His return.