

# The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-30

Intro: Memories are precious, they keep us connected to people, places, and events that have shaped us and influenced our lives.

Jesus took an old symbol and filled it with meaning.

Called Lord's Supper, 1 Cor. 11:20

Lord's Table. 1 Cor. 10:21

Breaking Bread, Luke 24:35, Acts 2

Communion: referring to the fellowship involved. 1 Cor. 10:16

Eucharist (Greek Thanksgiving) Jesus give thanks, Lk 22:19

Mass (Death in latin) Heb. 7:27 Jesus died once for all

Most important part of worship? Frequency? Acts 20:7

## I. Social Significance

Jesus ate with people, and it made a difference

Luke 15, Luke 19, Luke 9 (5000)

The fellowship of the congregation: we are family

The fellowship with the universal church: past, present, world

What our fellowship says about the world, we are diff.

## II. Historical Significance, v. 23

*For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover) Exodus 12

Angel of death passes over everything covered with blood

Unleavened bread, fruit of the vine, lamb

Traditional seder meal: shank of lamb, egg, bitter herbs,

horses (apple sauce), karmas (parsley) 3 cups of wine

For us: We see God working through man's history to save

## III. Redemptive Significance, v. 24-25

**24** and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." **25** In the same manner *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

John 1:29 Behold lamb takes away sin of world

Ex. 12 lamb died for family, cross, lamb died for world

Passover: lamb died for firstborn, today lamb is our substitute

Without shedding of blood their is no forgiveness

powerful message of the gospel, Lk 19:10, 2 Cor. 5:21

Mt. 26:28 For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto the remission of sins.

For this is my blood: not literal (fruit of the vine) figurative language

My blood: Christ was human (Heb. 2:14, Jn 1:14. God and man

Blood of the Covenant: God's deal with man, no right to alter

God's power to see mankind

Which is poured out: Jn 10:18 I lay down life, no one takes it.

For many, 2 Cor. 5:21, Is 53:6 laid on him iniquity of us all

Unto the remission of sins

Sin separates us from God, Is. 59:1-2, Eph 2:1

"Eis" For signifies purpose. Compare Acts 2:38

## IV. Personal Significance

**26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

**27** Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

This is MY body given for YOU

This is MY Blood, Poured out for YOU

Inwardly (v. 27-28) we examine ourselves

Outwardly (v. 26) we proclaim his death til he comes