

October 21, 2018

The Lord's Supper

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Visitors are welcome
We offer Bible classes for all ages
We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

In **Matthew 26**, Jesus and His disciples observed the Passover meal. Jesus used this time to institute the Lord's Supper.

He took two elements of the Passover meal - unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine - and assigned meaning to them that have significance to God's children under the new covenant.

Jesus first took the unleavened "**bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body'**" (verse 26).

Jesus next "**took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to [His disciples], saying, 'Drink ye all of it'**" (verse 27).

While the bread represents Christ's body, the cup ("**fruit of the vine**" - **verse 29**) represents Christ's blood, which was shed for us (**verse 28**).

"**The Lord's Supper**" (1 Cor. 11:20) is also sometimes called the "**breaking of bread**" (**Acts 2:42**) or "**communion**" (1 Cor. 10:16). Soon after the church was established, Christians steadfastly observed this memorial (**Acts 2:42**). The disciples at Troas specifically "**came together to break bread**" (**Acts 20:7**), a phrase which, in this context, refers to the Lord's Supper.

Notice *who* partook of the Lord's Supper - "**the disciples**" at Troas. The Lord's Supper is a memorial for *all Christians* to observe.

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Christians are to observe this in remembrance of what Christ has done for us (**1 Cor. 11:24-25**).

The Lord's Supper is a reminder of the new covenant, which was sealed with Jesus' blood (**1 Cor. 11:25**).

The Lord's Supper is also proclamation to the world of Christ's death. Notice **1 Corinthians 11:26**: *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.*

The Lord's Supper is a time of fellowship with Christ and with fellow brethren (cf. **1 Cor. 10:16-17**). Jesus promised to (spiritually) be with His disciples when we partake (**Matt. 26:29**).

Christians should observe this memorial as God instructs. For instance, the New Testament pattern shows the day the Lord's Supper is to be observed. Notice the phrase "*upon the first day of the week*" in **Acts 20:7**. This specifies *when* early Christians partook of the Lord's Supper.

The church at Corinth provided an example of *not* following God's pattern for this memorial (**1 Cor. 11:17**). Two key problems brought out in their observance of the Lord's Supper are (1) a divisive spirit (**verse 21**), and (2) turning the memorial into a common meal (**verse 22**). They were exhorted to have a spirit

of unity (cf. **verse 33**), and they were told that the time they assembled to carry out the work of the church was not the time to be eating a common meal (**verse 34**).

The Corinthians were told to *examine* how they partook of the Lord's Supper (**verse 28**). Christians today should do the same. If one does not partake correctly, he or she may be guilty of partaking "*unworthily*" (**verses 27,29**).

Partaking unworthily leads one to "*be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord*" (**verse 27**), showing disrespect toward the One whose body and blood the emblems represent. Partaking unworthily also leads one to bring condemnation on him or herself (**verse 29**), causing spiritual weakness, spiritual sickness, and spiritual death (**verse 30**).

Partaking unworthily does not refer to one partaking who is not deserving of Christ's sacrifice. If this were the case, no one could partake worthily.

Rather, partaking unworthily refers to the *manner* in which we partake. We must not pervert Christ's design.

If we follow God's pattern for why, how, and when we partake, the Lord's Supper will be a great blessing to Christians.

May we take the Lord's Supper seriously, follow God's pattern, and never forget what this memorial is all about.

Area Gospel Meetings

River Ridge church of Christ:
Oct. 21 - Oct. 26 (with Stephen Russell)
Sun: 9:00, 10:00, 4:00; M-F: 7:00

Elm Grove Church of Christ:
Oct. 28 - Nov. 2 (with Wayne Walker)
Sun: 10:30, 3:30; M-F: 7:00

Casey Westside church of Christ:
Nov. 11 - Nov. 16 (with David Eldridge)
Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00; M-F: 7:00

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

***"Set your affection on things above,
not on things on the earth."***

–Colossians 3:2

Prayer List

Holly G
 Barb A
 Harold B (Prostate Cancer)
 Sandy S (Foot Injury)
 Betty P
 Mabel H
 Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)
 Cheryl S (Breast Cancer)
 Norma C (Injuries from fall)
 Jerry G (Throat Cancer)
 Mattie B (Leukemia)
 Tom B (Pancreatic Cancer)
 Linda & Family
 Dody G
 Joe B (Lung Cancer)
 Allen S (Cancer)
 Jeanette & Family
 Brian H (Meningitis)

Daily Bible Reading

Oct. 21 – Isaiah 45-46; 1 Thessalonians 3
 Oct. 22 – Isaiah 47-49; 1 Thessalonians 4
 Oct. 23 – Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 5
 Oct. 24 – Isaiah 53-55; 2 Thessalonians 1
 Oct. 25 – Isaiah 56-58; 2 Thessalonians 2
 Oct. 26 – Isaiah 59-61; 2 Thessalonians 3
 Oct. 27 – Isaiah 62-64; 1 Timothy 1

***"But he who looks into the perfect law
of freedom, and continues, not being a
hearer who forgets, but a doer of the
work, this man will be blessed in what
he does."*–James 1:25**

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Bible Study: Roger

Worship: Steve

Evening: Dan D

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Joe

Cleaning Building

Cynde

Prepare Communion

Donna

Upcoming Reminders

Oct. 27: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

Assignments

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Reading: Dan D

Announcements: Darrell

Table: Roger

Serve: Travis

Mason

Dan H

John

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Invitation: Mike

Anniversaries

October 27 - Carlyle & Donna

Birthdays

October 21 - Dave

October 22 - Janice

October 23 - Craig

October 29 - Morgan