

#### The Lord's Supper

- Acts 20:7 "Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight."
- 1 Peter 2:24 "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed."
- Matthew 26:26-28 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
- 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you.
- 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

• **ISRAELITES**: The Israelites were slaves, in bondage to the Egyptians.

• **CHRISTIANS TODAY**: We are slaves to sin, in bondage to Satan.

- **ISRAELITES**: God sent a deliverer (Moses) to lead them out of bondage.
- CHRISTIANS TODAY: God sent Christ to deliver us from our sins.

- 2 Corinthians 1:10 "Who [Christ] delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us."
- **Galatians 1:4** "Who [Christ] gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."

- ISRAELITES: Chose a lamb that was without blemish.
- CHRISTIANS TODAY: Jesus Christ is our such Lamb.

John 1:29 – "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Peter 1:18-19 – "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers." 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

- ISRAELITES: Concerning the Passover in Exodus 12:11 "... It is the Lord's Passover."
- CHRISTIANS TODAY:

1 Corinthians 5:7 – "Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."

- ISRAELITES: Killed the Passover Lamb in the afternoon.
- CHRISTIANS TODAY: Jesus died on the cross at about the same time the Passover lambs were being killed for the Jews' Passover.
- Note: At the very hour, the Jews were eating their Passover lamb, our Passover Lamb had already been served up to the ages in death, awaiting His resurrection early on the first day of the week.

- ISRAELITES: Observed the Passover annually as commanded.
- **CHRISTIANS TODAY**: Observe the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day as shown in the Bible.

- **ISRAELITES**: The head of the household officiated at the Passover observance for all present in the house.
- CHRISTIANS TODAY: Our Head (Christ) over His family and Household (the church) presided over the new Memorial.

1 Corinthians 11:24 – "... This do in remembrance of me."

#### Jesus Does Not Want Us To Mourn His Death He Wants Us To Celebrate It

- 1. Why? Celebrate it because He is not dead . . . He arose from the grave.
- 2. Celebrate it because He brought us deliverance from sin and eternal life.
- 3. Just as the Israelites celebrated the Passover, Jesus wants us to celebrate the Lord's Supper.
- When served the unleavened bread, we individually and personally commune with God.
- When served the fruit of the vine, we personally and individually commune with God.

#### How to Partake of the Lord's Supper – Every Lord's Day

• 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29 – "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; 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.' 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. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

#### Partake in an Unworthy Manner

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- When some of the Corinthians observed the Lord's Supper, they were not remembering the death of Jesus.
- They were eating the Supper without even thinking about Jesus.
- They were partaking only to feed their physical appetites.

#### Partake in an Unworthy Manner - Today

- By not thinking about Jesus . . . His death . . . His resurrection . . . His sacrifice.
- By having our minds focused on other things during the Lord's Supper.
- 1. What you are going to have for lunch . . . Or where you are going to eat that lunch
- 2. The ballgame you are planning to watch.
- 3. The clothes you need to wash for this week's work.
- 4. Something you need to get at the store.
- 5. Your job.
- 6. School.
- 7. A telephone call/text message you need to make or an appointment that is quickly approaching.
- 8. A difficulty you have left unresolved.
- 9. Something you did this past week . . . Or something you need to do during the coming week.

#### 3 Perspectives For the Lord's Supper

- 1. RETROSPECTIVE . . . Looking BACKWARD . . . "This do in remembrance of me."
- 2. PROSPECTIVE . . . Looking FORWARD . . . "You proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."
- 3. INTROSPECTIVE . . . Looking INWARD . . . "But let a man examine himself."

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- 1. A time of memorial
- 2. A time of proclamation
- 3. A time of Communion