

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Understanding the Lord's Supper"

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

INTRODUCTION:

1. Our Lord instituted two ordinances: the Lord's Supper & Baptism; ordinances that His disciples were to observe regularly.

"Ordinance" = an authoritative decree or directive (example: "a city ordinance"); a prescribed practice or ceremony.

2. The origin of the Lord's Supper: the _____ meal.
3. Jesus transformed the Passover meal into a celebration of the infinitely greater deliverance He came to bring, which the Passover meal foreshadowed.

_____ OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (vss. 17-22)

Jesus established the ordinance we call "the Lord's Supper" at the last Passover meal with His disciples. By the time Paul wrote to the Corinthians, some 26 years later, the composition of the church had changed — the church was predominantly *Gentile* — and observing the Lord's Supper had changed a bit. It came to be observed in two stages/parts:

1. A communal meal called the _____: the love feast" (*ἀγάπη agápē* = the Greek word for "love"; Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13).
2. Followed by the _____; from the Greek word for "thanksgiving" (*εὐχαριστέω eucharistéō*).
3. What upset Paul? The Corinthians had turned what was intended to be a feast of love & remembrance into a _____ of pride and selfishness.

_____ OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (vss. 23-26)

The key phrase: "in remembrance of me". Every communion service causes us to remember by directing our minds (our hearts/thoughts) in four directions. The "Lord's Supper" is a time for . . .

1. Looking _____ (vss. 23-25).
Twice Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

- A. The _____ of our Lord's death
- B. The _____ of our Lord's death
- C. The _____ of our Lord's death (John 19:30)

- 1) _____
The mass pretends to repeat the sufferings of Christ.
- 2) _____
Attempts to add human merit to the cross work of Christ.
- 3) _____
Hopes that God will do something for sinners beyond the cross.

2. Looking _____ (vs. 26).
"Whenever you eat this bread & drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death."

3. Looking _____ (vs. 26).
"You proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

4. Looking _____ (vss. 27-34).

FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER (vss. 27-34)

1. Notice Paul's warning (vss. 27, 29-30, 32)
 How can we partake/participate "in an unworthy manner"?

- A. We can participate _____.
- B. We can participate _____.
- C. We can participate in an _____ state.
- D. We can participate _____.

What about ... "I just won't participate!" For the believer, it is not
 _____. Jesus said, "**Do this** in remembrance of me."

2. Follow Paul's solution

- A. Self - _____
- B. Self - _____