

The Lord's Supper

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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I. THE PARTICIPANTS

- 1) The members of the body of Christ, the church
- 2) Christ instituted the Lord's Supper for His followers
- 3) This observance is not for unbelievers

II. THE PURPOSE

- 1) We observe the ordinance to obey the Lord's command (v. 24 - "this do")
- 2) We observe the ordinance to remember the Lord (v. 24-25)
 - A. His conception (Luke 1:26-37)
 - B. His incarnation (John 1:1, 14)
 - C. His perfection (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22)
 - D. His rejection (Isa. 53:3; John 1:11)
 - E. His humiliation (Phil. 2:5-8)
 - F. His condemnation (Isa. 53:4-5)
 - G. His crucifixion (Mt. 27:33-50)
 - H. His resurrection (Mt. 28:1-6)
 - I. His exaltation (Phil. 2:9-11)
- 3) To proclaim the Lord's death (v. 26)
- 4) To give thanks (v. 24)
- 5) To affirm the certainty of His return (v. 26 - "till he comes")

III. THE PRIORITY (v. 27-32)

- 1) The believer's priority should be to partake of the supper worthily (v. 28-29)
- 2) To partake unworthily is a sin against the body and blood of the Lord.
- 3) Those guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord bring God's disapproval and discipline (v. 30)
- 4) The solution is self-examination, confession, self-discipline, and promoting unity in the body of Christ.
- 5) Therefore, one must examine oneself (v. 28). If sin is present, we must confess it and make restitution if needed.