

## THE LORD'S SUPPER (Spiritual significance)

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29

INTRO: From the time of Jesus' death, it has been the practice of Christians to observe the Lord's supper each first day of the week to commemorate His sacrificial death--and to remind themselves that He is coming again. There are at least five directions in which we look as we observe Christ's memorial supper.

### I. WE LOOK BACKWARD.

A. The L.S. is a strong evidence that Jesus really lived.  
Memorial memorializes something.

B. We proclaim His death, we discern His body, vs. 26, 29.

C. Of course, before He died, He lived. We not only commemorate His death, but we also call to memory His sinless life, His love, His mercy, His grace, vs. 24-25.

D. It also might be in order to look back to all the promises God made thru the centuries, & to all the blood sacrifices throughout O.T. history.

### II. WE LOOK UPWARD.

A. The Lord's supper is at His table, LK 22:29-30.

B. His table is in His kingdom which He rules from heaven.

C. His table is in the assembly of a local church, 1 Cor 10:21

D. Jesus partakes His supper NEW with us, at His table, in His kingdom. MK 14:25; MT 26:29.

E. Thus, we have communion with Christ, 1 Cor 10:16--the upward look.

III. WE LOOK INWARD, 1 Cor 11:28-29. MT 5:23; Heb 13:10.  
Sincerity, Consciousness of the significance of the supper

IV. WE LOOK OUTWARD. We proclaim to ourselves, to our brethren, & to all the world that we believe the truth of the gospel of Christ. We proclaim His sacrificial death to all mankind, vs. 26.

V. WE LOOK FORWARD, vs. 26.

A. He came once; walked among men; was tempted in all points; gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins. He arose from the dead & ascended to heaven to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

B. He is coming again. He promised it repeatedly. He has ruled from heaven for nearly 2000 years. By His grace, to give men more time to repent, He has not yet returned. But He will. He will come to raise the dead, to judge the world, & to deliver His kingdom to the heavenly Father. We look forward to His coming. And we will keep His supper each first day of the week till He comes.

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