

The Lord's Supper

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Intro:

“Christians today have widely divergent views of The Lord’s Supper and what happens when one takes it. And to some degree this is because we have all moved a considerable distance from what the New Testament actually says about The Lord’s Supper.” Ben Witherington III

I. *The Lord’s Supper has a special purpose*

I Cor 11: ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said,[f] “This is my body, which is[g] for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

By definition, it is the “sharing of the elements in a common proclamation in a corporate fellowship of believers”

A. The Lord’s Supper is not...

Not the real Jesus

Not a ritual that gets us “square” with God

Ephesians 2:8,9 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—
9 not from works, so that no one can boast.

B. The Lord's Supper is.....

It is a reminder

“Never mind that bread and wine, unless you can use them as folks often use their spectacles. What do they use them for? To look at? No, to look through them. So, use the bread and wine as a pair of spectacles. Look through them, and do not be satisfied until you can say, “Yes, yes, I can see the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” Spurgeon

It is a privilege due to the new covenant

It is a proclamation!!!

For the whole world

John 3:16 ¹⁶ For God loved the world in this way:^[a] He gave^[b] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

For us personally

We are forgiven

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

We are changed

II Cor 5:17 ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has^[a] come!

**No hurt, habit or hang up can be my boss!
We are eventually headed to a new home!**

Jn 14: “Don’t let your heart be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.

II. The Lord’s Supper is for special people

I Cor 11: ²⁷ So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body^[h] and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body,^[i] eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep.

The saved

The serious

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

Jesus of Nazareth

