

### I. The Source

**1 Corinthians 11:23a** For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you...

It is a Table of Remembrance (v. 24).

It is a Table of Obedience—“Take, eat, ... drink ye all of it” (v. 24).

It is a Table of Self-examination (v. 28).

It is a Table of Communion (I Cor. 10:16).

It is a Table of Thanksgiving (v. 24).

It is a Table of Confession (v. 26)

It is a Table of Expectation—“Till he come” (v. 26c).” *George C. Needham.*

### II. The Bread

**Corinthians 11:23b-24** ...That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:  
<sup>24</sup> And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

**Exodus 12:46** In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

**Psalms 34:20** He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

**John 19:33** But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

**Matthew 18:20** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

### III. The Cup

**1 Corinthians 11:25-26** After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.  
<sup>26</sup> For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

When we observe the Lord's Supper, that table looks in three different directions.

(1) It is a commemoration. This table looks back over nineteen hundred years to His death upon the Cross. That is to the past.

(2) This table is a communion (sometimes we call it a communion service). It speaks of the present, of the fact that today there is a living Christ, my beloved.

(3) It is a commitment. It looks to the future -- that He is coming again. This table won't last forever; it is temporary. *J. McGee*

**Matthew 26:29** But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

**Amos 9:13-14** Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. <sup>14</sup> And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

### IV. The Warning

**1 Corinthians 11:27-32** Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.  
<sup>29</sup> For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. <sup>30</sup> For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. <sup>31</sup> For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.  
<sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

**Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.