

The Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

- There are two symbolic acts /sacraments not ordinances: Baptism & the Table
- The first is baptism, the other: Lord's Supper. Both are commanded by Christ
- Both: perpetual obligation & are given by Christ to the church for all time
- Baptism takes place once & symbolizes: death/ burial/ resurrection in Christ
- Lord's Table – symbolic act: points to the Cross & we practice repeatedly

Instruction to the Corinthian Church about the Lord's Table

- Paul wrote to the Corinthian church to correct their wrong views of the Table
- Corinthians combined a love meal with the Table which was meant to bless
- Sadly it went wrong & Paul made it clear that God did not approve of it (17)

I. Key Truths Regarding the Lord's Supper

☞ #1. LORD'S SUPPER IS NOT OUR SUPPER IT'S HIS SUPPER (20)

- Christ gave this supper to His church, it must be shared as He has directed

☞ #2. LORD'S SUPPER WAS A SUBJECT OF SPECIAL REVELATION

- Vs. 23 “received” & “delivered” describe how Paul received these instructions

☞ #3. LORD'S SUPPER: MOSTLY AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

- Vv 24,25 “Do this in remembrance of me” cup speaks of the New Covenant
- Bible: not say how often to celebrate it, only as often as you remember (26)

☞ #4. LORD'S SUPPER: PROCLAIMING HIS DEATH 'TIL HE COMES

- Vs 26 every time we are at Lord's Table: gospel is symbolized & proclaimed

☞ # 5. LORD'S SUPPER: AN EVENT THAT LOOKS FORWARD

- We keep celebrating the Lord's death until he comes again (26)

☞ #6. LORD'S SUPPER: A TIME TO SEARCH OUR HEARTS (.27-34)

- “partake in an unworthy manner” relates to our attitude towards one another

1) Looking back in remembrance (vv.24-25)

2) Looking up- in gratitude & thanks giving (vv.24,25)

3) Looking around- are we in fellowship with God's people, do I consider others as more NB than myself or am I selfish (vv17-22)

4) Look in, bring your heart to God, do you discern the body of Christ... ..this is a clear indication as to whether you really belong to God (1 John 4: 18-21)