

Local Church Priorities: Devoted to Observing the Lord's Table (Part 1)

Pastor John Brackbill/Acts 2:42c/8.23.15

10:45 am Morning Worship Service

What does being continually devoted to the breaking of bread refer to?

The observance of the _____ in the context of the early church's practice of a communal fellowship meal

Who instituted this practice of the Lord's Table that the early church was continually devoting itself to? _____ (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)

What is the significance of the Lord's Table that the early church was continually devoting itself to? _____ and _____ the Lord's death until He comes

- The significance of the Lord's Table is not...
 - That the elements of the bread and the cup physically _____ the body and blood of Jesus
 - That Jesus is _____ present in the elements of the bread and the cup
 - That those who partake of the bread and the cup receive _____ from God through the ritual itself
- The significance of the Lord's Table is that...
 - Through observing it in true faith we remember and proclaim the Person and Work of Jesus, especially the _____ of Jesus on the cross (1 Cor. 11:23-26)
 - Through observing it in true faith we remember and proclaim the reality of the _____ (1 Cor. 11:25, Heb. 8:10-12)
 - Through observing it in true faith we proclaim our _____ (1 Cor. 10:16)
 - Through observing it in true faith we proclaim our unity with _____ in Jesus (1 Cor. 10:17)

- Through observing it in true faith we are confronted with the reality of _____ in light of the cross (1 Cor. 11:27-29)
- Through observing it in true faith we are compelled to consider the reality that Jesus will one day _____ (1 Cor. 11:26)
- Through observing it in true faith we can be confident of the promised presence of Jesus in _____ (Matthew 18:20; 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 2:22)

How often did the early church continually devote itself to observing the Lord's Table? At least _____ on the Lord's Day (Acts 20:6-7)

Who should partake of the elements at the Lord's Table? Only true believers that are continuing to repent of sin and live a life of obedience to Christ

How are we attempting to be devoted to observing the Lord's Table here at this local church?

- By observing it each week during the 9 am service
- By doing so in a deliberate way that enables us to remember and proclaim the Person and Work of Jesus, especially the death of Jesus
 - Remembering the Person and work of Jesus through specific passages of Scripture
 - Remembering the Person and work of Jesus through prayers of worship
 - Remembering the Person and work of Jesus through songs of worship

How important is it for followers of Jesus to be devoted to observing the Lord's Table?

- It is as important as obedience to Christ
- It is as important as continuing in a life of repentance
- It is as important as being a Christ-centered believer
- It is as important as being a Christ-centered church
- It is as important as being devoted to God's Word, to Fellowship, and to prayer