

Title: The Purpose of the Lord's Supper

Text: I Corinthians 11:23-34

Introduction

1. The Lord's Supper: an event that is 2000 years old, Based on an event a 1000 yrs older in the land of Egypt
2. The Event: "Passover" (Ex 12) (10 Plagues)
3. The Reason: The Angel of death would "pass over"
4. The Annual Memorial Feast: A reenactment of the event taking place in Egypt 3000 yrs ago. (Ex 12:14, 17)
5. The Lord's Supper: A reenactment of the event that took place on Calvary 2000 years ago.
We do not come to mourn someone who is dead.
We come to celebrate someone who is alive.
6. (I Cor 11) the Apostle Paul gives his account of the Lord's Supper that he said was directly given to him by the risen Lord Jesus. He describes in detail exactly what the Lord's Supper is to be and how it is to be observed.

I. The Lord's Supper Is A Time Of Commemoration

1. (I Cor 11:24-25) Remember His body, & His blood.
2. (1 Cor 11:20) Is called "The Lord's Supper".

II. The Lord's Supper Is A Time Of Appreciation

1. A time of Thanksgiving. (Matt 26:27)

III. The Lord's Supper Is A Time Of Proclamation

1. (I Cor 11:26).
2. We are also participating in a sermon.
3. Not Subject too our Modifications: (1 Cor 11:1-2)

3. (Rom 6:4-5) Pictures a Burial/Planting
4. The bread Pictures the body of Christ.
5. The Cup Pictures His Suffering:
6. The Red Grape Juice Pictures His blood.

IV. The Lord's Supper is a Time of Examination

1. (I Cor 11:27-28) "examine" = "prove" or "qualify".
(A) You have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior
(B) You are honest about any sin in your life.
2. It is a time when you do three things with any sin.
(A) Identify It
(B) Rectify It
(C) Purify It

V. The Lord's Supper is a Time of Consideration

1. (I Cori 11:33) A time to remember each other.

VI. The Lord's Supper is A Time Of Anticipation

1. (I Cor 11:26) We are to look forward.
2. The Lord's Supper is a link between the two comings of Jesus.

A picture of His death, but also a promise of His coming.

It points Backward to the Crucifixion.

It points Forward to His Coming.

It looks Backward to a Cross.

It looks Upward to the Clouds.

3. The "boll weevil" monument of Enterprise AL.
4. The State bird of Utah: California Gull
5. God has given us the greatest memorial of all.

We celebrate the memory of what Jesus did for us, because of what He can do in us and through us, through His body and through His blood.