



July Memory Verse: *"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, on God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)

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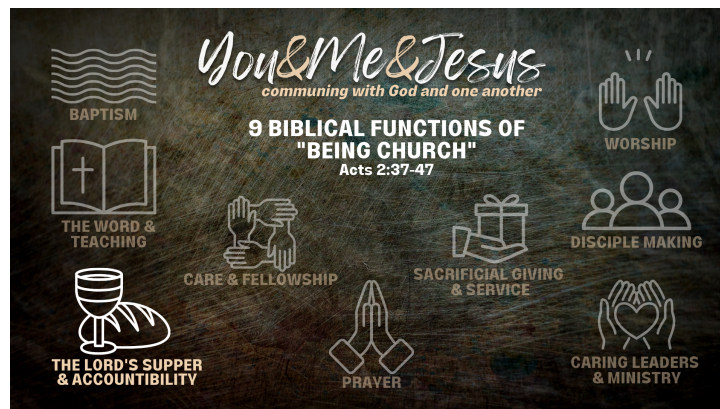
Title: The Lord's Supper & Accountability

Scripture: Acts 2:41-47; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Psalm 116

What is church? Church is an assembled group of people saved (called out) by God who:

1. Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, proclaim, and do the Word of God.
2. Practice the Ordinances of the body of Christ (Baptism & The Lord's Supper).
3. Are accountable to one another for Holy Living and the Great Commission

What makes a group of people a church? (How is a church different from any other group of people on the planet?)



What has the church been devoted to since the beginning of the church? The Lord's Supper and Accountability. (Acts 2:41-47)

WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER? God's Word on The Lord's Supper

- Matthew 26:26-28
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

When a *created* being, who is *fallen* and has been *redeemed*, participates in the Supper by eating the body of Christ and drinking the blood of Christ the good work of atonement and *restoration* is being proclaimed to all who participate and look on.

Lord's Supper Quick Facts:

- The Lord Jesus exhorted His followers to practice the Supper often.
- Paul called the practice “the Lord’s Supper”.
- Other names are *Eucharist* (“thanksgiving”), *Communion* (“*koinonia/mutual participation*”), *Sacrament*, *the Lord’s table* (1 Cor. 10:17), *Breaking of Bread* (Acts 2:42)

What the Lord’s Supper is not:

- *The real presence of Christ’s body and blood* (John 6, Matt. 22:19)
- *Efficient to impart grace* (John 6:35)
- *Sustaining for salvation* (Eph. 2:8-10)
- *Requiring a perfect life in order to take the Supper* (1 Cor. 11:27)

What is happening during the Lord’s Supper?

1. **Commemoration/Remembrance - of the death of Christ (Luke 22:19)**
 - a. This is a “remembrance and reenactment” of paying the penalty of our sin.
2. **Proclamation - of the saving work of Christ’s given body and shed blood. (1 Cor. 11:26)**
 - a. Proclamation looks back at Christ’s death & resurrection.
3. **Celebration - the resurrection of Christ and victory over sin and death. (1 Cor. 15:54-57)**
 - a. Celebrating the triumph of Christ over the power of sin, death, and Satan.
4. **Anticipation - the return of Christ. (1 Cor. 11:26)**
 - a. Anticipation looks forward to the coming Kingdom of God (Rev. 21). Celebrating the past and future in the present as we anticipate the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Rev. 19:6-9)
5. **Participation - in the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 10:16)**
 - a. The physical body of Christ - the one who saves us
 - b. The gathered body of Christ - the one that refines us

Accountability in the Supper: We should be grateful for the grace of God often.

- **Gratitude is the attitude that sets the altitude for living. Am I grateful?**
- **The church practices the Lord’s Supper.**

How do I make gratitude the theme of the Lord’s supper?

Five Looks: Look Within, Look Around, Look Back, Look Ahead, Look Up.