

WORTHY OF COMMUNION
1 CORINTHIANS 11:27 / 12-29-19 / AM

I. FIRST, WHAT'S IT CALLED?

- A. The Lord's Supper is the term Paul used in First Corinthians perhaps because Jesus instituted it immediately after the Passover meal--11:20.
- B. Eucharist is another name for it.
 - 1. The word means "thanksgiving" in Greek.
 - 2. It's found in Matt. 26:26.
 - 3. It's a reminder to thank God for sending His Son Jesus for us.
- C. Communion is another term. It refers to communion or fellowship with someone.
 - 1. First, it's communion with Jesus symbolically through the bread and juice.
 - 2. Second, it's communion with each other in the church.

II. SECOND, WHAT'S THE SYMBOLISM?

- A. Critics call Christianity a "slaughterhouse" religion because of our emphasis on the death of Christ.
- B. Regardless of what our critics say, the Bible reminds us that our salvation was purchased by the death of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Scripture confirms this--Heb. 9:22 and Rom. 5:9.
 - 2. This reminds us that our salvation isn't free--Matt. 26:26-28.

III. THIRD, WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?

- A. It encourages us to look "backward" at what Jesus did for us, i.e He died for us.
- B. It also encourages us to look "forward" in anticipation of Jesus' return--Matt. 26:29.