

Approaching The Lords Table Lords Supper Service

Various Verses

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- I. **When you approach The Lords Table** you should approach it **Relationally** (**1 Corin 10:21**) You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.

You must have a **Right Relationship**.

- **It is all about Your Relationship with The Right Father?** (**John 8:39**) "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did.

John 8:43-44 "Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you **cannot hear My word**. 44 "**You are of your father the devil**, and you want to do the desires of your father.

- **It is all about Your Relationship with The World** **1 John 2:15** Do not **love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

- **It is all about Your Relationship with The Lord** (**John 8:41-42**) "You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God." 42 Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, you would love Me**, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but **He sent Me**.

Jesus Cleansed The First Supper (John 13:21-30)

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." 22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. 27 As soon as Judas took the bread, **Satan entered into him**. "What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, 28 but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. 29 Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. 30 As soon as Judas had taken the bread, **he went out**. And it was night.

We learn at least Seven Lessons of Judas's Betrayal.

1. **Example of Lost Opportunity & Privilege.**
2. **The Danger of Loving Money.**
3. **Typifies the Vileness Spirit of Betrayal. There is always a Judas amongst the leadership.**
4. **Proof of Christ Patience, Mercy and Kindness.**
5. **The Devil will Always be at Work among God's people.**
6. **Proof of the Deadliness of Hypocrisy.**
7. **There is nothing sinful that can every Stop or Derail the sovereign will of God.**

When you deal in **Deception** Satan Tags Along!

II. **When you approach The Lords** Table you should approach it **Realistically** (1 Corin 11: 28) A man ought to **examine** himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

➤ **Self-Discipline** (28) A man **ought**

➤ **Self-Indictment** (28) examine **himself**

➤ **Stern Warning!** (30-31) That is why many of you are **weak** and **ill**, and some have **died**.³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

III. **When you approach The Lords** Table you should approach it **Respectfully** (Heb 12:28) Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be **thankful**, and so worship God acceptably with **reverence and awe**,

Reverence = is illustrated by a person **carrying a priceless Persian vase** across the room

Awe = Godly Fear = Appreciation felt because of being in God's Presence.

IV. **When you approach The Lords** Table you should approach it **Rejoicing** (1 Corin 11:26) For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim** the Lord's death until he comes.

Proclaim: You are **Publicly Declaring** your **Allegiance** to Christ!

- V. **When you approach The Lords** Table you should approach it **Remembering (1 Corin 11:25)** In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in **remembrance** of me."
- Observing The Lords Supper is a **Command** by Jesus Himself!

Do = Imperative Present Active

Not taking the Lords Supper is **Disobedience and Sin**.

➤ **What are we to Remember?**

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that **he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that **he appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time,

Men of the Church would you now come forward

Here at Gateway we believe in Open Communion. Meaning that if you are a born again believer we invite you today to join with us as we **Approach The Lords Table** together!

Following The Lords Supper Praise Team takes The Platform.