

Remembering The Lords Supper
1 Corinthians 11:23-32 **October 5, 2017**

When we come to The Lords Table **We first Look:**

I. Backward (23-25)

We Look Backward at what we have:

A. Obtained from Jesus (23a) For I received from the Lord

We Look Backward and see an:

B. Obligation to pass it along (23b) what I also delivered to you,

Our Testimony!

We Look Backward to the:

C. Occurrence of what Jesus did (23c-25) that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

This ties the Supper to Christ's Substitutionary Atonement. **Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

When we come to The Lords Table We are to Look:

II. Forward (26)

By Looking Forward we see The Lords Supper is a:

A. **Permanent Feast (26a)** For **as often as** you eat this bread and drink the cup,

By Looking Forward we see The Lords Supper is a:

B. **Proclamation for the Worlds Sake (26b)**
you proclaim the Lord's death

Jesus Died for Everyone!

John 3:16 "For God so **loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We are telling the World that **we are not ashamed** of Jesus Christ!

Romans 1:16 For I am **not ashamed of the gospel** of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

By Looking Forward we see The Lords Supper is a:

C. **Promised Return (26c)** until he comes.

Matthew 26:29 I tell you, I **will not** drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

John 14:28 **Remember** what I told you: I am going away, but **I will come back to you again.**

Remembering is much involved.

Coming to The Lords Table A Believer:

1. Remembers **Christ Work** on the Cross:

1 Corinthians 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."

2. He **Partakes** of Christ Spiritual Presence in Fellowship, not the elements themselves

1 Corinthians 10:16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a **participation in the blood of Christ**? And is not the bread that we break a **participation in the body of Christ**?

3. He **Communes** with the Saints

1 Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, **are one body**, for **we all partake of the one loaf**.

4. He **Worships** in Holiness

1 Corinthians 10:20-22 No, but the **sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons**, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. 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. 22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

5. He **Proclaims** Salvation in Christ

1 Corinthians 11:24-25 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 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."

This is new in that it is the saving covenant to which the OT points too. The new deliverance is from sin to salvation, from death to life, from Satan's realm to God Heaven.

We now eat the Bread and drink the Cup not to remember the Red Sea and the Exodus, but to remember the Cross and The Savior.

6. He **Anticipates** the Return of The Lord

1 Corinthians 11:26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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III. Inward (27)

Looking Inward is:

A. **Comprehensive (27)** Whoever, therefore,

Looking Inward Reveals a:

B. **Challenge (27)** eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner **will be guilty concerning** the body and blood of the Lord.

Looking Inward Reveals a:

C. **Cleansing (28)** Let a person **examine himself**, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Looking Inward Reveals a:

D. **Caution (29)** For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and **drinks judgment** on himself.

Believers must discern the Lord's Body!

When do we fail to discern the Lord's Body?

1. By **Ignoring** it all together!
2. By going through **Ritualistic Motion** without understanding!
3. By **Assuming** it Saves!
4. By **Refusing to Repent!** We should never partake if we have Known, unconfessed sin!
5. By **Lacking Respect** and Love for God or His People!

Looking Inward Reveals a:

E. **Consequences (30)** That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

Looking Inward Reveals a:

F. **Confession (31)** But if **we judged ourselves** truly, we would not be judged.

Looking Inward Reveals a:

G. **Correction (32)** But when we are judged by the Lord, **we are disciplined** so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

This ties the Supper to all believers **Sanctification and Holiness.**

Call down men of the church! As we reflect on what Jesus has done for us individually...

**Observance of The Lords Supper
Praise Team Takes the Platform!**