

# THE LORD'S TABLE

Lk.22:14-20; 1 Cor.11:23-34

**Text: 1 Cor. 11:24b, "Do this in remembrance of me."**

## **It is a Divine Command**

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed said, "*Do this in remembrance of Me*" (1 Cor.11:24). For believers to neglect the observance of this ordinance is to be disobedient to God's will. The early disciples, undoubtedly "broke bread" weekly (Acts 20:7).

## **It is a Blessed Privilege**

The Table we come to is the Lord's Table, not ours. He is our invisible host. For over 2000 years now Christians have been remembering their Saviour around the Lord's Table. Up to the time of our Lord's death, sacrifices had been offered for sins. Exodus 12 describes the Passover. But these sacrifices could never remove sin, as we read in Heb. 10:4, but they were a type of death of Christ for the sins of all who believe in Him.

On the cross He said, "*It is finished.*" He is the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world. What a privilege to be invited at His Table of grace as forgiven sinners!

## **It is a Necessary Memorial**

When our Lord said, "*Do this in remembrance of me,*" He meant that for you and me. He wills that we take the **backward** look. We are inclined to forget the great cost when God gave His Son, and when the Son gave His life for us.

Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget Thine agony,  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary.

In vs. 27, we are confronted with an extremely important challenge . It is possible to eat and drink unworthily. So we are to examine ourselves when we come to the Lord's Table. We are to take a serious **inward** look . Are we thinking about the Lord Jesus and the sacrifice He made, or do we allow our mind to wander? Is our heart pure from all bitterness or any other sinful attitude? Is there anything in our demeanor that is displeasing to God?

The Lord's Table allows us also to look **forward**. "*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.*" The central truth of Scripture is that Christ died for our sins, He rose again, and He is coming soon to receive us unto Himself. Now we are with Him in spirit. We can fellowship with Him in prayer and around His Word, and around His Table.

"*But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is*" (1 John 3:26). The blessed hope of glorious appearing is given in Titus 2:13-14; "*Who gave Himself for us .*" We have a bright outlook. Praise His name!

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