

# The Lord's Supper

## (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

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### I. Ordinance

- “Do this .... in remembrance of me” (v. 25)
- The Lord’s Supper is a commemorative meal ordained by Jesus to be carried out by the church for the blessing of His people.

### II. Remembrance

- “Do this .... in remembrance of me” (v. 25)
- The Lord’s Supper reminds us of Christ’s great love for sinners and His redemptive work on the cross.

### III. Proclamation

- “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death...” (v. 26)
- The Lord’s Supper communicates the foundational truths of the gospel message and is a call to faith in Jesus.

### IV. Fellowship

- “Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation [koinonia] in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation [koinonia] in the body of Christ?” (1 Corinthians 10:16)

- The Lord’s Supper is a family meal that beautifully expresses the spiritual union among believers in Christ.

### V. Expectation

- “...until he comes.” (v. 26)
- The Lord’s Supper points toward the future coming of the Christ and the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

### Questions for Further Reflection:

--In what ways is the Lord’s Supper meaningful to you?

--How are you impacted by the thought that the Lord’s Supper is a “token of love” and a “family meal”?

### Additional scriptures referenced in the sermon:

Luke 22:7-20; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 27-28; Revelation 19:6-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 1:3,9; Romans 3:25; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15

### Quotes:

"No doubt a man may be saved, like the penitent thief, without having received the Lord's Supper. It is not a matter of absolute and indispensable necessity, like repentance, faith, and conversion. But it is impossible to say that any professing Christian is in a safe, healthy, or satisfactory condition of soul, who habitually refuses to obey Christ and attend the Lord's Table." ~ J. C. Ryle

"The Lord's supper is memorative, and so it has the nature and use of a pledge or token of love, left by a dying [person] to a dear surviving friend." ~ John Flavel