

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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1. As Christ is the center and core of the Bible, it is natural that the Lord's Supper in memory of His sacrificial death should challenge the attention of mankind.
2. The world has been taught to believe that the Lord's Supper is merely a Church ordinance; that men may go through life partaking of the Supper, if at all, only when it pleases them.
3. Even some members of Churches of Christ are sealing their doom because of a failure to properly discern the Significance and multitude of this feast.
4. Because of the various misconception of the Lord's Supper, it is obligatory that Christians thoroughly understand the four-fold significance of this act of worship. Let us examine each point carefully.

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS PROSPECTIVE (I Cor. 11:26)

- A. "Ye shew the Lord's death till He comes ..."
- B. Christians look - hopefully for the coming of Jesus and desire to meet him in peace.
- C. In I Thess. 4:13-18, Christian were comforted by the knowledge that Christ would come again and bring loved one with him.

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS INTROSPECTIVE (I Cor. 11:28)

- A. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup..."
- B. One must put out of his mind all things that would hinder his full appreciation of this solemn feast, (Matt. 5:23-24).

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS RETROSPECTIVE (I Cor. 11:24).

- A. "This do in remembrance of me.."
- B. As we look upon our flag with its stars and stripes, we are reminded of the great sacrifice made by those who fought in battle to preserve our priceless heritage.
- C. To eat the bread and drink the cup is to every Christian a reenactment of the sacrificial death of our Lord.

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS DECLARATORY (Matt. 26:29; Luke 22: 29-30)

- A. When thousands of Christians assemble to eat the Lord's Supper, it is a solemn declaration that the kingdom does exist.
- B. It is a monument to the resurrection of Christ.
 - 1. It was not until after the resurrection of Christ that Christians began to observe this in His memory an every first day.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. The significance of the Lord's Supper can not be over looked by student of the Bible.
- 2. These four facts about the Supper (Prospective, Introspective, Retrospective and Declaratory) are the standards for proper discerning of the Lord's Supper.