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## Communion with Christ

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COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

INT: Today's lesson consists of 3 questions.

FIRST: Before eating the supper.

SECOND & THIRD: After eating the supper.

I. FIRST QUESTION: IN WHAT SPIRIT SHOULD WE EAT THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY? John 4:24.

(\* Some passages giving us the answer:)

- A. \* I Cor. 12:12-13. What? I Cor. 12:31!!!!
- B. \* I Cor. 1:10. Local congregation as one!
- C. \* Eph. 4:1-6. One spirit makes us one family.
- D. Col. 3:17. Gr. ONOMA: "in recognition of the authority of!"

SPIRIT DURING THE SUPPER:

- 1. In recognition of Christ's authority.
- 2. In a spirit of love and unity.
- 3. Remembering / HE DIED FOR ME! \* I C. 11:23-26.

CONGREGATION OBSERVES THE LORD'S SUPPER....

II. WHAT EMPHASIS SHOULD WE PLACE ON THIS ITEM OF WORSHIP IN THE LORD'S CHURCH???

A. Acts 2:42\* Which item MOST important???? Which LEAST? Which DROP? Which MINIMIZE??  
Question: Then, whence has arisen the idea that the Lord's Supper is the MOST imp.????

PRACTICE! EAT & LEAVE.

B. Let's note the purpose of ALL God's Worship

- 1. Assembly: Matt. 18:20. LORD's assembly. Meet with Christ!
- 2. Singing: \*Eph. 5:19-20. We sing Jesus!!!
- 3. Praying: \*John 16:24. Pray THRU Jesus!!!
- 4. Preaching: \* I Cor. 2:1-2. Preach Jesus!!!
- 5. Giving: I Cor. 16:1-2. Giving to Jesus!!!
- 6. Lord's Supper: \* I Cor. 10:14-17. Communion with Jesus!!!

C. Some observations:

- 1. Whole purpose of Lord's Day worship service is to THINK ABOUT JESUS!!!
- 2. All items of worship contribute to this wonderful spiritual experience.
- 3. All items therefore are vital to the whole service. otherwise fragment the wor.
- 4. Should stop practice of Communion-only-worship. Neglecting rest of service!!!

*SERVE AS MEMORIALS TOO!!?*

*Jesus present for whole service!*

# QUESTION:

III. DOES THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EVER GET OLD TO YOU?????

(Some justify observing annually, monthly etc)

A. Christian's answer: It never gets old when we truly worship as should!!!

B. COMMUNE means: "of sharing in the REALIZATION of the effects of the BLOOD (that is the Death) of Christ, as set forth by the emblems in the Lord's Supper. I Cor. 10:16.

C. LORD'S SUPPER SHOULD TOUCH YOUR HEART!!!!

1. Ill. Salesman driving West Tex. hiway Turned down dirt road to old farm house Back yard: Old stump, rusty nails. Stood silently and wept amid smiles.

Little son at age 4 had taken hammer & nails and driven them all into the stump. Got paddled. Was his last act on earth. Luke 13:34. Died shortly. Stump was a MEMORIAL to this father. Brought back wonderfully sweet memories.

QUESTIONS: Distance too far? Too much trouble ? Never because of the SWEET COMMUNION with something BEAUTIFUL of the past.

2. Ill. Christians reserve Sunday for Jesus. No distance too far! Never too much trouble.

Christians come to the cross of wood with the nails in it.

See the BODY of Jesus suspended there.

Some Christians sit in tears amid smiles.

CROSS is a MEMORIAL which brings back wonderfully sweet memories to our heart.

INV. IF YOU ARE NOT A CHRISTIAN:

Christ died for you too. Wants to SAVE you! Acts 2:38. *Wants you at His table weekly also to remember!*

IF YOU ARE NOT A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN:

Remember: Christ died for you! Grateful?

Rededicate your life to Him! I John 1:9.

Identify.

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