

Preparing For The Lord's Supper

Series: The Lord's Supper

South Orlando Baptist Church

Topics: Repentance, Remembrance

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Text: 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

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As you prepare your heart,

1. Encounter the Lord's Supper with _____ (vs. 27)

- a. The Corinthian Church had abused their practice of the Lord's Supper. They had lost all respect for the meaning of the supper and were clearly ignoring its significance by the way they conducted the service.
- b. In Leviticus 10:1-3, Nadab and Abihu were killed for offering up strange fire in their work in the temple.

2. Examine Yourself through _____ (vs. 28, 31-32)

- a. Some of the Corinthian believers were unrepentant. They were proud of their sin.
- b. Biblical repentance consists of (1) a true sense of one's own guilt and sinfulness; (2) an apprehension of God's mercy in Christ; (3) an actual hatred of sin (Ps 119:128; Job 42:5, 6; 2Co 7:10) and turning from it to God; and (4) a persistent endeavor after a holy life in a walking with God in the way of his commandments. (Easton's Illustrated Dictionary)

3. Evade Judgment through _____ (vs. 29-30)

- a. People were dying in the Corinthian Church because they were not taking the things of the Lord seriously. They were not obeying God and therefore they were paying a high price.
- b. We place our lives and others in complete peril when we ignore God's voice and God's will.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Lord's Supper

How do Baptist's view the Lord's Supper?

Christians pose several different possibilities for what Christ meant when he said, "This is my body." (1) Some believe that the wine and bread actually become Christ's physical blood and body. (2) Others believe that the bread and wine remain unchanged, but Christ is spiritually present with the bread and wine. (3) Still others believe that the bread and wine symbolize Christ's body and blood. Baptist have historically stood firm on the third view, interpreting the words of Christ as symbolic. Jesus also spoke symbolically when He said, "I am the door." Jesus was not a physical door that waddled around and preached to crowds, in fact, he was a man.

How often should it be observed?

Christian Churches and some Baptist churches observe it every week. We observe it every 6 weeks for the sake of not wanting to over do it and thus lose its importance. There is no clear Bible instruction on the frequency of observing the Lord's Supper.

Who should observe it?

Only those who have put their trust in Jesus for their salvation and have become a Christian. You should abstain from the Lord's Supper if you have any unforgiveness in your heart, if you have never been baptized, and if you are not a Christian.

Not all the Blood of Beasts (Hymn by Isaac Watts)

Not all the blood of beasts, On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name, And richer blood than they.

My soul looks back to see, The burdens Thou didst bear,
When hanging on the cursèd tree, And hopes her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice, To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, And sing His bleeding love.