



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



## DOCTRINE #7: THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Are You Sure?

- How many ordinances of the Church are there? What are they?

1. Water Baptism
2. Lord's Supper

- There are at least two other names used for the Lord's Supper. What are they?

1. Agape Meal
2. Passover Feast
3. Love Feast
4. Eucharist
5. Dinners for Eight
6. Holy Communion
7. Resurrection Supper
8. The Last Supper

- ▶ Who commanded us to celebrate the Lord's Supper, and why?

Jesus Christ. To remember His death and to proclaim His second coming.

- ▶ How often are we to celebrate the Lord's Supper?

Regularly.

- ▶ What are the two emblems or elements, and what do they represent?

The **bread** represents the broken body of our Lord and the **cup** represents His shed blood.

- ▶ Match the following beliefs with their supporters:

1. Billy Graham, The Bible, and Evangelical Christianity
2. The Pope and Roman Catholicism
3. Martin Luther and Lutheranism

**2 Transubstantiation:** The emblem turns into the literal blood and body of Christ. The emblems, therefore, are Christ, and should be adored.

**3 Consubstantiation:** The actual blood and body of Christ exists "in, with, or under" the elements of the bread and cup.

**1 Memorial:** The bread and cup are symbols of the body and blood of the Lord. The Lord's Supper is a memorial reminding us of what Christ has done.

### What We Believe Concerning the Lord's Supper

#### Statement of Faith #7



We believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's suffering and death and a prophecy of His second coming. It is commanded of all believers "until He comes".

#### Our Lord's example of the Lord's Supper is found in four New Testament passages:

- Matt. 26:26-30
- Mark 14:22-26
- Luke 22:14-20
- 1 Cor. 11:23-26



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## The Biblical Teaching of the Lord's Supper

- Jesus turned what feast into the Lord's Supper? (Matt. 26:17-30)

The Passover Feast, which "kicked off" the Week of Unleavened Bread.

- What did this feast commemorate? (Exodus 12:26-27)

God's **salvation** and **deliverance**.

- What is one description of Christ that occurs often in the New Testament? (John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7)

Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb.

- In what ways was the O.T. Passover perfected by Christ and re-interpreted by Jesus in the Lord's Supper?

### Exodus

12:5 – Jesus was our perfect Passover Lamb (1 Pet. 1:19).

12:7 – The blood must be applied.

12:13 – Salvation requires blood.

12:14 – Commemorate, celebrate, ordinance.

12:21-23 – The Passover Lamb was sacrificed.

12:24 – Obey as a lasting ordinance.

12:26-27 – This do in remembrance of me.

12:43-45,48-49 – To be enjoyed by covenant members only.

12:46 – Jesus' bones were not broken (John 19:33, 36).

12:47 – A command to be obeyed by the entire community.

- In 1 Cor. 11:17-34, Paul gives instructions to the New Testament Church on how we should celebrate the Lord's Supper.

- ▶ According to Paul, what should *not* be included in the Lord's Supper (vss. 17-22)?

- Disunity (vs. 18)
- Self-centeredness (vss. 20-21)
- Irreverence (vs. 22)

- ▶ Why are we to celebrate the Lord's Supper (vss. 23-25)?

To remember Him.

- ▶ What does the phrase "new covenant in my blood" mean (vs. 25)?

The old covenant required the blood of a sacrificial lamb to be sacrificed once a year. Jesus established a new covenant "once and for all" by shedding His own blood.

- ▶ What three things do we celebrate in the Lord's Supper (vs. 26)?

The Past: His Death on the Cross for us  
The Present: Our Faith in Christ our Savior  
The Future: His Second Coming

- ▶ Summarize Paul's teaching in verses 27-34 in one sentence.

We must judge ourselves and repent of sin and insincerity so God doesn't have to judge us.

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## Lord's Supper Summarized

Whereas water baptism is to be observed once by all believers, the Lord's Supper is to be observed perpetually. Here are four ways the Lord's Supper helps us to focus on Christ:

- ▶ **Remembering** – "... Do this in remembrance of me." We remember His sacrificial and merciful death on the Cross for us.
- ▶ **Sustaining** – "... Eat ... drink ..." Our spiritual nourishment and sustenance comes from Christ alone.
- ▶ **Examining** – "... A man out to examine himself..." The Lord's Supper is a time for deep appreciation and sincere introspection. Am I truly authentic in my discipleship?
- ▶ **Expecting** – "... Until He comes." The day is coming when we will no longer need a memorial, because Jesus is coming for us and we will be with Him forever.