

## THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH: THE LORD’S SUPPER

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\* What is an ordinance?

\* Which ordinances apply to us as church-age saints? How many are there?

#### A. THE LORD’S SUPPER (1 Corinthians 11:23-34)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Event was “*the* \_\_\_\_\_.” (11:23b)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Event was “*the same night in which He was betrayed.*” (11:23b)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Event involve...
  - a. “\_\_\_\_\_” (11:23c-24) — this is symbolic of the person of Jesus Christ: “*this is My body.*”
  - b. “\_\_\_\_\_” (11:25) — this is symbolic of the “*the new covenant in My blood.*”

#### 4. The MEANING of the Event

##### a. False Views:

- (1) TRANSUBSTANTIATION (Roman Catholic) — this teaches that the bread and the wine are \_\_\_\_\_ changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ when consecrated by the priest during the Mass. (Refuted by Hebrews 7:24-27; 9:12, 24)
- (2) CONSUBSTANTIATION (Lutheran) — this teaches that the body and blood of Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine in a \_\_\_\_\_ sense.
- (3) CALVINISTIC (Reformed) — this teaches that Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ present in the bread and wine so that spiritual blessing is communicated to you.

##### b. Biblical View:

- (1) The phrase “*this is My body*” means “this \_\_\_\_\_ my body” (Jn. 6:35; 10:9, 11; 15:1).

\* What event did Jesus Christ and His disciples participate in early that same evening?

- (2) This recognizes the Lord’s Supper as a \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ’s death, with no supernatural change in the elements (1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

#### 5. The ACTIVITIES of the Event

- a. Physically— we “\_\_\_\_\_” the bread and “\_\_\_\_\_” of the cup.

- b. Mentally— we are to \_\_\_\_\_ (to call to mind, to weigh carefully) the Lord and His death “for us.”

6. The FREQUENCY of the Event

- a. At first it was done “\_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 2:46). Later it was done each “\_\_\_\_\_” of the week (Acts 20:7).
- b. Paul allows here for each local church to determine the frequency when he wrote “\_\_\_\_\_...” (11:25-26). But remember, “*This DO...*”

7. The PURPOSES of the LORD’S SUPPER

- a. Corporate \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord: “*communion*” (1 Cor. 10:16)
- b. Time of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord: “*eucharist*” (1 Cor. 11:24)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord’s death: “*for you... remembrance*” (1 Cor. 11:24-25)
- d. Public \_\_\_\_\_ to the world of Christ’s substitutionary death (1 Cor. 11:26)
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s Return: “*till He comes*” (1 Cor. 11:26)

8. The PREPARATION for the LORD’S SUPPER (1 Cor. 11:27-34)

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ (11:27): “*Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an \_\_\_\_\_ manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*”
- b. The CONDITIONS (11:28):
- (1) The person must be \_\_\_\_\_. (Ordinances are only for believers)
- (2) There must be \_\_\_\_\_ as to one’s understanding of this (11:29), as well as to one’s spiritual condition (1 John 1:9).
- c. The CONSEQUENCE for not doing this (11:29-32)
- (1) Generally— “\_\_\_\_\_” from the Lord (11:29); “\_\_\_\_\_” (11:32)
- (2) Specifically— “*many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.*” (11:30)
- \* What was the remedy?

9. The CONCLUSION: In preparing and participating in the LORD’S SUPPER...

- a. We should look BACK to the \_\_\_\_\_ (11:23-25).
- b. We should look FORWARD to the \_\_\_\_\_ (11:26).
- c. We should ENJOY His \_\_\_\_\_ now. (1 John 2:28)