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Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:26-30; Matthew 28:5-7; Matthew 28:18-20

As believers we may also take the Lord's Supper wherever we g_____ together, or during times of s_____ from the Body of Christ (Church), or for s_____ occasions.

Luke 22:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me

How significant is communion? Even Jesus took Communion before headed for the cross.

#1 The Names (The Names Are Significant)

Eucharist The English word comes from the Greek word eucharistos which means the "act of gratitude" "grateful language to God, as an act of worship" "giving of thanks"

There are so many things that we can be thankful for. The most important thing is that he sent his Son into the world to die on the cross for our sins even though we didn't deserve it.

Communion Ref: Ephesians 2:13

The Lord's Supper symbolizes the communion we have with C_____. It also symbolizes the communion we have with each other.

Partaking of the Lord's Supper reminds us it is ground level at the foot of the cross. We are equally in need of God's grace.

#2 The Symbolism Is Significant Ref: Matthew 26:26-28

The Bread

The bread symbolizes his b_____ that is about to be broken; it symbolized his l_____ that is about to be taken. He is referring to the crucifixion; he is referring to his death.

In order for us to be saved, it was necessary for the Son of God to die.

When we partake of the bread, we are reminding ourselves of the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. He died for us, for our sins. Through his death the price for our sins was paid, for we could not pay it ourselves.

The Wine.

The wine symbolizes the b_____ of Christ. In the Old Testament we see again and again that blood is required for reconciliation to God. Ref: Hebrews 9:22; *Romans 5:9; Eph. Col. 1:20; 1st Jn. 1:7*

The communion, the piece of bread and the cup of juice symbolizes a supernatural power greater than we have the capacity to understand.

The body and blood of Jesus, broken for you, shed for you, so that you may have a victorious l_____. I contend we need this meal for l_____.

When you come to the Communion table on Sunday, and you eat the bread and drink the cup, it is to give you the p_____ you need to fight you spiritual enemy.

Two key reasons we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

#1 We Look Backward

#2 We Look Forward Ref: Matthew 26:29

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we will not only look back to his sacrificial death on the cross, we look forward to the establishment of his h_____ k_____ on earth.

Taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner refers to going through the motions without serious thought about what this event means.