

Story Of Bernard The Mule

1 Corinthians 10:21 (NASB)

You cannot drink the *cup of the Lord* and the cup of demons; you cannot *partake of the table of the Lord* and the table of demons.

1 Corinthians 10:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ Is not the *cup of blessing* which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

Acts 2:42 (NASB)

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the *breaking of bread* and to prayer.

Matthew 26:27 (NASB)

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, [Eucharist] He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

In some Christian circles there is a grave misunderstanding that is preventing people from coming to the Table. The Lord's supper is the place where the forgiveness of sin is proclaimed and offered to all who would receive it. Paul's warning was not to those who longed for forgiveness, but to those who were making a mockery by their behavior at the meal.

$$1 \times 9 = 6$$

$$2 \times 9 = 18$$

$$3 \times 9 = 27$$

$$4 \times 9 = 36$$

$$5 \times 9 = 45$$

$$6 \times 9 = 54$$

$$7 \times 9 = 63$$

$$8 \times 9 = 72$$

$$9 x9 = 81$$

$$10 \times 9 = 90$$

Movie "I Can Only Imagine"

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 (NASB)

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 (NASB)

In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

What is the purpose of Communion?

- *First* to commemorate the death of Christ: this do in remembrance of me.
- <u>Second</u> to signify, seal, and apply to believers all the benefits of the new covenant; in this ordinance Christ ratifies His promises to His people, and their part is to solemnly consecrate themselves to him and to his entire service.

- Third to indicate and to promote the communion of believers with Christ.
- Fourth to represent the mutual communion of believers with each other.
- *Fifth* to be an ambassador to the Christian profession.

The importance and significance of the Lord's Supper.

First it is primarily designed to elicit and to stimulate in our hearts remembrance of the and person and works of Jesus Christ.

Second The remembrance is commanded. Participation at the Lord's supper is not an option.

Third the remembrance entails the use of tangible elements: bread and wine.

- The elements of bread & wine are give to stir our minds and hearts.
- The physical action of eating and drinking is designed to remind us that we spiritually "ingest" and depend upon Jesus and the saving benefits of His life, death & resurrection.

<u>Fourth</u> it is a personal remembrance, we are to remember Jesus Christ and what He did for us that we could not do on our own.

Fifth in the remembering there is also a confession: confessing that Christ gave His body and blood for us, He died for us and the same power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that will raise us from the dead.

<u>Sixth</u> we are to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes: this not only looks to the past but it points us to the future.

<u>Seventh</u> to remember that you cannot come to the Lord's Table in an unworthy manner. To partake unworthily is to come complacently, giving not thought to the elements and their significance.

Eighth to be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord is to treat as common or profane something which is sacred.

<u>Ninth</u> we are to examine ourselves; we are to test our motives and attitudes as we approach the table to be certain we are partaking for the right reasons and with the right understandings.

Tenth if we fail to come to the Lord's Table in the right manner there is divine discipline: Some in Corinth had suffered the discipline of God, and this was an expression of God's gracious commitment to preserve His people, so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Life is not about what others think, how others look at your failures instead of your success, life is not about you past but the present, not about what you were but who you are in Christ.

Romans 8:1 (NASB)

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature;

Galatians 4:7 (NASB)

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Luke 10:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NASB)

⁵ "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Jesus *said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God;

Mark 10:27 (NASB)