

Summer Focus - Essentials

“Communion”

Luke 22:7-23

Sunday, June 23, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

A. What is Communion?

1. Appears to have begun with Christ's celebration of the Passover meal in the upper room on the night He was betrayed

a) **Luke 22:7-23**

- (1) Just after the meal
- (2) The New Covenant (**John 13:31-35**)

- b) Christ's body is represented in the bread
c) Christ's blood is represented in the cup

2. **Baptist Faith & Message** - *The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.*

- a) Symbolic
- b) Obedience
- c) Members
- d) Elements
- e) Purpose
 - (1) Remember His death

- (2) Anticipate His coming

(a) **Horatius Bonar** (Scottish churchman and poet), *The Supper and the Advent...TILL He come we own His name, Round His table gathering; One in love, and faith, and hope, Waiting for an absent King. Blessed table, where the Lord Sets for us His choicest cheer; Angels have no feast like this; Angels wait, but sit not here.*

- (b) This is an “in-the-meantime” celebration

i) **1 Cor.11:26**

- ii) Encouragement to the church
- iii) Witness to the world

B. How Communion displays Community

1. Our purpose of sharing

a) Unity in Christ

- (1) In relationship (including church discipline)

- (2) In sustenance

- (3) In purpose

- (4) In anticipation

(5) **Acts 2:42-47**

- (6) This is together

- (7) This cannot be virtual

- (8) This is accountability

- (9) This is worship

2. Our context of sharing
 - a) The local church
 - b) Baptized believers
 - c) Baptized believers in good standing
3. Our manner of sharing
 - a) Graceful
 - (1) There is joy
 - (2) They are obedience to the new covenant...love one another
 - b) **1 Corinthians 11:17-34**
 - (1) Sober-minded examination
 - (2) Erroneous community
 - (3) Not Lord's Supper
 - (4) Rooted in sound doctrine
 - (5) Focused on the Gospel (**Rom.3:25-26**)
 - (6) Killed pretense (**vv.27-29**)
 - (7) Witnessed judgment (**vv.30-32**)
 - (a) Discipline
 - (b) Witness of warning
3. Share
 - a) Together
 - b) Remember your salvation
 - c) In anticipation
4. Rejoice

C. Closing

1. Pray
2. Examine