

## THE LORD'S SUPPER, SIMPLE BUT SUBLIME

*"This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." 1 Corinthians 11:26*

**INTRODUCTION:** There are lots of errors and misconceptions about the Lord's Supper, but we won't go into any of them because they are all wrong. The Lord's Supper is a simple act of a memorial of Christ with two purposes: Remembering Christ and Showing His death till He returns.

### I. WE VIEW THE SUPPER OF OUR LORD AS BEING A MEMORIAL OF HIM

1. The bread, when digested, becomes a part of our body, thus a remembrance of Christ who became flesh like us and died on a cross.
2. The wine represents the blood of Christ who took unto Himself human blood to become as we are. As wine is pressed from the grapes, thus Christ's blood was also poured out that he might make an atonement for our sin.
3. We see our wives, husbands, children and friends and our love for them is renewed constantly, but Christ is not visibly nor physically with us. He has given us this memorial to keep Himself visibly with us and thus our love can remain as strong as if He were personally here with us.
4. This memorial is for ME! Christ died for ME! FOR ME!
5. Ah!, this memorial is also for US! His family, His friends. We are ONE bread, we are of ONE body. We are ONE cup, we are of ONE blood.
6. This is a JOINT memorial. We are to put aside all that would separate any of us from anybody of the family. We are to be in total agreement as WHY we are here.
7. While united, it is also to be a PRIVATE, personal memorial for each of us must take for our own self, as a single drop in an ocean, and not for someone else.
8. This memorial is to be a HAPPY time. Not a funeral, but a joyous memorial. We are not to mourn over Christ's death, but rejoice over His resurrection and what He is doing for us every day and for His coming return for us.
9. Let us therefore put away all thoughts except HAPPY ones. Let us look UP.

### II. THE SHOWING OF CHRIST'S DEATH TILL HE COME

1. Let us show it to ourselves, individually. One doesn't have to have an audience to celebrate Christ's death and coming return.
2. We can show it before God the Father, giving thanks for His grace to us.

3. We can show it to other Christians, those who sit with us, sing with us, serve with us, for they are FAMILY.
4. We can show it to the world. As we live our daily lives, wherever we go, whatever we do in the presence of others, we can show Christ's death.
5. We can show it to the lost. Often there are with us in our Church family times of worship, those who have not become a part of Christ's family.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Let us do what our Lord commands: Let us think about what he has done to enable us to be a part of God's wonderful family and let us look forward to that wonderful time when He returns.
2. Let us now take the bread and the fruit of the vine.