

What the Lord's Supper Can Mean to You

Luke 22:7-20

Intro:

1. **ILL: The joy of being invited to supper.**
2. Lord Jesus intended for the Lord's Supper to be like that for you!

I. v15-16 - To Be in Fellowship with the Lord

A. God's purpose for creating you was to have fellowship with you.

1. Adam & Eve walked with God in the cool of the day. **Gen 3:8-9 - Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"**
2. When Jesus died on the cross, fellowship with God could be restored. **Rom 5:9 - Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!**
3. What does God do for you when you commit your life to Him?
 - a. You are redeemed from slavery to sin - to freedom in Christ.
 - b. You are put in a saved state (**Eph 2:8-9**) - in addition to being in the process of being saved (**II Cor 3:18**).
 - c. You come from being lost - to being found.
 - d. You are justified in God's legal system - considered "not guilty".
 - e. You are restored to the fellowship Adam & Eve lost in the Garden of Eden.

B. In the Lord's Supper you continually renew that fellowship.

1. During communion, confess all of your known sins to Him - then you can approach God with a clear heart.
2. **I Jn 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**
3. On the Day of Pentecost the cross was fulfilled because on that day the Kingdom of God was established on earth - the church.
4. Lord Jesus now eats with us at His table every time we celebrate in His name.

II. v19 - To Be a Remembrance of God's Love

A. **This is My body!**

1. God became a man in the stable in Bethlehem.
2. God took on flesh - & humanness.
3. **Phil 2:5-7 - Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**
4. Lord Jesus volunteered to die on a cross as a sacrifice - even when He didn't have to!

B. Remembering that price which was paid for you gives you the incentive to surrender to Him more.

III. v20 - To Be a Remembrance of the New Covenant

A. What's a covenant?

1. **Covenant** (διαθήκη) = a solemn agreement between two parties, a testament, a will.
2. **ILL: The Agreement between Boaz & the Next of Kin (Ruth 4:1-12).**

B. The new covenant was promised that would be superior to the old one. **Jer 31:33 - This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.**

1. **The Old Covenant:**

- a. God brought them out of Egypt & supplied all their needs.
- b. In return - they would keep His laws.

2. **The New Covenant:**

- a. His fellowship forever would be available to all people.
- b. God's will would be instilled in their memory.

C. **v20** - The new covenant came into being when Lord Jesus went to the cross.

D. When you surrender your life to the Lord, how does the New Covenant work for you?

1. **The obligations:**

- a. Jesus becomes Lord of your life.
- b. You become a child & a servant - eager to obey His will.

2. **The benefits:**

- a. You get eternal life in heaven with God.
- b. You get a victorious life right now.
- c. You get brothers & sisters all over the world.
- d. You get the fruit & the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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Remember & appreciate His love for You &
Relish in the New Covenant that is now yours!

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