Study #12

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The Lord’s Supper

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Here is a subject which requires careful study of the word of God. Like baptism, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper is generally misunderstood; and the religious world has many substitutes for the real thing. As like other thing’s the Devil has “other” lord’s suppers also.

The only references to the Lord's Supper in the New Testament are the Gospel accounts in ***Matthew 26:17-30***, ***Mark 14:12-26***, ***Luke 22:7-20***, and in Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians (in which he actually rebukes the church there for serious disorders at the Lord's table.)

***1 Corinthians 10:14-22*** and ***11:17-34***

Prior to completing this study, carefully read each of these passages above. References often cited from the Book of ***Acts*** ***2:46***; ***20:7,11*** do not refer to the Lord’s Supper because they do not mention “the cup” and because in the second instance, the breaking of bread was done twice in the same night. The verses refer to a fellowship-type meal.

What Is the Lord's Supper?

1. The Correct Bible Terminology

There are only three Bible terms:

1. C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***1 Corinthians 10:16***
2. The L \_ \_ \_’ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***1 Corinthians 10:21***
3. The L \_ \_ \_’ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***1 Corinthians 11:20***

The Bible does not mention, use at any time or anywhere the man-made terms as “The Mass,” “Holy Communion” or “Eucharist.” These heretical terms should be

completely disregarded by the students of the Bible.

1. It is an O \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the church

***1 Corinthians 11:2,23*** - the connecting phrase “*... I delivered unto you…*”shows this to be the case. “*befeal ist befeal*” “*An order is an order*”

1. When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we:
2. Do it in R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Christ. ***1 Corinthians 11:24,25***
3. Do S \_ \_ \_ the Lord's death. ***1 Corinthians 11:26***

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From the Scriptures that we just went over, we can conclude that the Lord’s Supper is a:

(Check the correct Bible answers)

Symbol

Sacrament

Memorial

Means of grace

**Symbol**- Something visible that by association represents something else that is invisible.

**Sacrament**- A formal religious ceremony conferring a specific grace on those who receive it.

In the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church there are seven traditional rites accepted as instituted by Jesus.

1. Baptism, 2. Confirmation, 3. Holy Eucharist, 4. Penance, 5. Holy Orders,

6. Matrimony, 7. Extreme Unction.

1. Is the observance of the Lord's Supper **commanded** or is it **a choice**?

See ***1 Corinthians 11:24,25*** It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What Is the Symbolism of The Lord's Supper?

1. The Elements of The Supper
2. Unleavened \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ***1Corinthians 11:23***; ***Matthew 26:17,26***
3. The F \_ \_ \_ \_ of the V \_ \_ \_ ***Matthew 26:29***

***1 Corinthians*** uses the term, the \_ \_ \_ ***1 Corinthians 11:25,26***

**Note:** Nowhere does the Bible refer to “wine” as part of the Lord's Supper. Alcoholic (fermented) wine is a result of the action of yeast (leaven). Leaven is a symbol of sin - ***1 Corinthians 5:6,7*** Thus alcoholic wine and leavened bread would be invalid and wicked symbols of the spotless Son of God.

1. The Symbolism of The Bread

The bread pictures the B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ of the Lord Jesus Christ. ***1 Corinthians 11:24*** This reminds us of the terrible suffering of our Lord, though not a bone in His body was broken. Read ***Isaiah 52:14***; ***Isaiah 53:4-7***; ***Matthew 27:29-31***; ***John 19:31-37***

1. The Symbolism of The Cup

The cup (grape juice) pictures the S \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_ of the Lord Jesus Christ.

***1 Corinthians 11:25*** This reminds us that without the shedding of the blood of Christ, there could be no \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of sin. Read ***Hebrews 9:22***; ***1 Peter 1:18,19***

1. The Purpose of The Lord's Supper

Like the ordinance of baptism, the Lord's Supper is a picture of Jesus Christ.

* Baptism is a symbolic picture of our Lord's D \_ \_ \_ \_, B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and

R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. (See Lesson #9)

* When we observe the Lord's Supper, we set forth symbolically the L \_ \_ \_’ \_

D \_ \_ \_ \_ until He comes. ***1 Corinthians 11:***26

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Who Should Observe the Lord's Supper?

1. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper (during a pre-Passover meal), who were present? ***Matthew 26:20*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It seems from ***John 13:18-30*** that Judas Iscariot might have left supper to betray Jesus ***before*** the Lord instituted the Lord's Supper. But in ***Luke 22:14-22*** ***after*** the Lord spoke to them about His body and blood, He immediately said the hand of the betrayer was on the table with Him as to indicate Judas was there. He was there for the meal for sure. Judas either left *right before* or *right after* communion, no one knows. Either way, he left.

1. According to ***1 Corinthians 12:28a***, what were this group of people beginning to constitute? The C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. The B \_ \_ \_ of C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
2. Compare ***Matthew 26:30*** with ***Hebrews 2:12*** The Lord's Supper was instituted in the

u \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ by those that were soon to be the C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

1. Read ***1 Corinthians 11:17-21*** Here the Apostle Paul is rebuking the church at Corinth for turning the simple memorial supper into a drunken feast. However, note the following: verse 17 – “ye C \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_”

verse 18 – “ye C \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_”

verse 20 – “ye C \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ into 0 \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ \_”

1. According to ***1 Corinthians 1:20*** to whom was this letter initially addressed?

“the C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of God which is at C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_” (Thus it is to the church (Body of Christ) that the command to keep the ordinances has been given.)



1. The Scriptures give a very clear ***warning*** about participating in the Lords Supper “***wrongfully***.”

“Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, *(the Communion bread)* and drink this cup *(the Communion cup)* of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.” ***1 Corinthians 11:27-30***

So, you see, the Scriptures plainly teach that the Ordinance of Communion commanded by the Lord is strictly for **SYMBOLIC** observance (*remembrance*). ***It has absolutely*** ***nothing to do with a person’s salvation at all***. However, we also see the Apostle Paul tells us that it is to be respected in such a way that it could *cost you your life*.

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What Does the Bible Say About the Roman Catholic "Mass"?

This study is included here because of the vast amount of confusion regarding the meaning and benefit of the Lord's Supper. What we are after remember is “What does the Bible “say.”

1. What Are Roman Catholic's Taught?

1. "That the “mass” is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ who is (so-called) “really present” on the altar. That he is offered to God for the living and the dead by the priest.
2. That upon the words of consecration by the priest, “Hoc est corpus meum,” the wafer and the alcoholic wine “literally change” into the “real flesh and blood” of Christ. (This is called "transubstantiation”)
3. That observance of the mass is a means of grace (part of “salvation”) whereby the person “actually eats” the “real flesh” of Jesus. That it is a mortal sin to not receive “Holy Communion” at Easter.
4. How Did This Teaching Originate?

1. The doctrine of transubstantiation can be traced to the 9th Century writings of Paschasius Radburtus. It was declared a doctrine by Pope Innocent III in 1215 A.D. at the Council of Lateran IV.
2. It is “based” upon a literal interpretation of ***Matthew 26:26-28*** and ***John 6:53-58***.
3. What Does the Bible Have to Say?



1. Eating blood is forbidden by the Law - ***Leviticus 17:10*** (cf. ***Matthew 5:17***)
2. Idolatry is forbidden - ***1 John 5:21***; ***Exodus 20:4-5***

(Roman Catholics are taught to worship the “Host.”)

1. Jesus spoke symbolically in ***Matthew 26*** because He was literally present. “This is my body” means “This represents My body.” Nothing hard about that.

A literal interpretation of this passage would also require a literal interpretation of, say, ***Matthew 16:23*** Oh! Oh! (Roman Catholics are also taught that Peter was the first pope!) Peter was never in Rome, ever. His ministry was to the Circumcision.

1. Jesus explains ***John 6:53-58*** by ***John 6:63*** This passage refers to a spiritual partaking of Jesus Christ, who is metaphorically the “Living Bread.” ***John 6:51***

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1. The Death of the Lord Jesus Christ was sufficient and once and for all. The continual repetitious “so-called sacrifice” of Christ by Roman Catholic priests is a denial of the finished work of Christ. See ***John 19:30***; ***Hebrews 10:10-12***
2. How can a priest (a creature) make Christ (the Creator)? Foolishness. That any man could raise himself to think he is equal to God is a deceived fool. Look at the verses below and try to figure, “How could a man get in such ‘a state of thinking’ claiming to believe these verses?” ***John 1:3***

“God forbid: yea, *let God be true, but every man a liar*; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightiest overcome when thou art judged.” ***Romans 3:4***

“Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily **every man** *at his best state is altogether vanity*. Selah.” ***Psalms 39:5***

“Surely men of **low degree are vanity**, and **men of high degree are a lie**: to be laid in the balance, **they** are altogether **lighter than vanity**.” ***Psalms 62:9***





“For as often as ye eat **this** bread, and drink **this** cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till He come.” ***1 Corinthians 11:26***





Reading Assignment:

***1 Corinthians 11***

Memorization:

Try to commit to memory ***1 Corinthians 11:26***



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