

Scripture: 1 Cor. 11:17-24

Lord's Day 30:80-81

Singing: 308:1-3 – 384:1-5 – 66:1-4 – 27:1-5

The Lord's Supper (2)

I. The Message II. The Practice III. The Partaker

I & II REVIEW: MESSAGE AND THE PRACTICE

A. Message: *It is Jesus' testimony about the blessings and benefits of faith in Him*

B. Practice: *Be aware of the importance part of the Holy Spirit in the Supper*

III. THE PARTAKERS OF LORD'S SUPPER

A. The Facts: who did Jesus include at His first Lord's Table? (Luke 22:14-26)

1. What were the 11 genuine disciple like?
 - a. they were devout followers and lovers of Jesus: Luke 5:10-11
 - b. they were drawn by Father's revealing ministry: John 6:45b
 - c. they had a growing sense of being a sinner: Luke 5:8; 22:62
 - d. they believed & were sure that Jesus was the Messiah: John 6:67-69
 - d. they were ignorant of Jesus priestly work Matt. 16:21-23; Luke 24:25/6
 - e. they were very immature believers: Luke 22:23-24; Mark 14:30
2. What additional teaching does the NT provide regarding the attenders?
 - a. they repented and believer Jesus' Gospel: Acts 2:41-42
 - b. they still needed careful exhortations about the Christian walk: 1 Cor. 10:21 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34

B. What does all above teach regarding welcome attenders from these facts?

1. Attenders are to be *true believers in Jesus Christ*
2. Attenders do not need to meet a certain *degree of grace or godliness*

C. True believers are known by certain marks of God's gracious work

1. They are *sorely displeased* with themselves because of their sins: Rom. 7:24
2. They trust Jesus as atoning sacrifice and ground for pardon: Rom. 4:5
3. They still sense huge infirmities in every aspect of their life: Phil. 3:20-21
4. They earnestly desire to grow in grace and likeness of Jesus: Phil 3:10

Reflection: Do this in remembrance of Me!

A. What happens if you miss saving faith, live in sin and yet attend?

1. This will bring you no profit – lead to hardening rather than softening – to spiritual judgment (1 Cor. 11: 29)

B. Some cases: *But must I not first ...*

1. have a special text from God?
2. possess a personal assurance of my salvation?
3. get to know my misery more?
4. have a greater sincerity, humility, holiness?
5. be of an older age or an old person, advance in spiritual life?
6. be a confession (full) member of a church?